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By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Although at opposite ends of the spectrum, both supporters and proponents of a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan cited the economy, the social well-being of community members, and public safety in arguing their positions at a public hearing on House Local Bill 17-44 Thursday night.

The second in a series of six public hearings drew a crowd of some 30 youths and adults, a larger and more diverse crowd than the first one held Tues-

Larger crowd split on Saipan casino bill



Lorenzo DL. Cabrera stands up to testify against a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan during a public hearing Thursday night at Garapan Elementary School. The public hearing drew a more diverse crowd of some 30 youth and adults who were split on House Local Bill 17-44. The third of six public hearings will be held on Monday night at Tanapag Elementary School. Inset shows members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's two committees jointly holding the public hearings.

day night on Capital Hill.

At one point, Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of HLB 17-44, stood up and strongly objected to Senate legal counsel Matt Meyer providing an oral tes-

That was shortly after Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, asked Meyer to summarize

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By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee eugenio@saipantribune.com

Local enforcement officers are back in the CNMI-DEA Task Force, some three years after they were pulled out in protest against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's intensive body searches on passengers during

an inaugural Shanghai Airlines flight in 2008.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said the reinstatement of local police officers to the task force resulted from the replacement of Guam-CNMI resident agent-in-charge Antonio Marquez with Michael Puralewski in March.

The governor had repeatedly said that the

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Local

Doughnut Girls make their debut at *Cheyenne* reception

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com

The Doughnut Girls of the CNMI Salvation Army made history Wednesday night when they served doughnuts for the first time.

Annie Gillespie and Lucy Norita-Shilling, who dressed as the Doughnut Girls, handed the doughnuts simultaneously to Commander Gary Rogeness and Seaman Patrick Shear of the USS *Cheyenne* during the Saipan Chamber of Commercesponsored welcoming reception at the Hard Rock Café.

Some 15 dozens of donuts were brought and served to the visiting sailors who arrived on Saipan last May 28.

"We brought these donuts for all these guys so they can take them back to the ship for midnight snacks. These guys are young so they surely have appetites," said Norita-Shilling.

Wayne Gillespie, ministry leader for the CNMI Salvation Army, said they were invited by the Chamber of Commerce to the reception and thought the opportunity was right for the Doughnut Girls to serve them for the first time.

"We hope that the Doughnut Girls can be a regular part of the welcoming committee for all visiting service members on Saipan," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The story of the Doughnut Girls dates back to 1917, when young Helen Purviance, an ensign in the Salvation Army, made their own doughnuts and handed them to soldiers in France. The Salvation Army has symbolized loving concern for those in the armed forces.

The Dougnut Girls also served doughnuts and coffee at the Legislature on Capital Hill yesterday to commemorate National Doughnut Day.

CPA OKs lower wharfage fee for Seabridge

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has approved Seabridge Inc.'s request for a reduction in wharfage fees.

CPA agreed during a special board meeting yesterday to lower the company's homeport fee to \$7,000 a month provided Seabridge complies with some conditions that include payment in full of all arrears before the new agreement takes effect and invoices or payment the company submits will not lapse within 30 days.

CPA said failing to address the first two conditions will mean termination of agreement. The discounted homeport fee is only good for three years, after which the company will go back to paying the regular wharfage fee.

Saipan Tribune learned that Seabridge was originally paying CPA about \$16,000 every month in dockage and wharfage fees as well as lease payment.

The board instructed CPA executive director Edward Deleon

Guerrero to communicate with the company and convey the board's affirmative decision on its request.

"We also want to make sure that all those vessels [inbound and outbound] maintain the policy of ports authority in terms of speed requirement [to avoid accidents]," said board member Benigno Sablan.

He revealed that the ports au-

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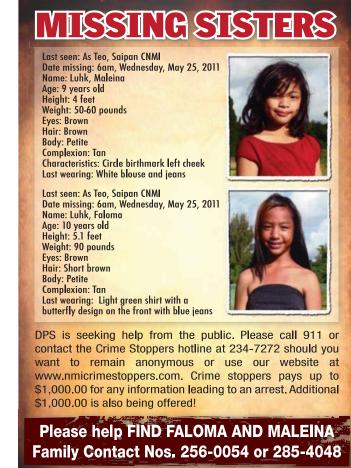
thority charges visiting vessels \$200 in wharfage fees each day.

The board earlier revealed that due to the current financial state of the agency, aggressive efforts in finding ways to generate additional revenues have been enforced, including improving collection efforts from tenants and concessionaires.

Board member Barrie Toves said that he was at first hesitant to support Seabridge's request because of its outstanding obligations, in addition to the lower revenue CPA will collect from the firm.

Seabridge reportedly has arrears of over \$100,000. *(Moneth Deposa)*







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DURING SPORTS EVENTS

House wants DPS to provide emergency medical service

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The House of Representatives is asking the Department of Public Safety to provide emergency medical service coverage during community sports events.

During a session yesterday afternoon, the House unanimously adopted Rep. Ray Palacios' (Cov-Saipan) House Resolution 17-52.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) spoke in support of the resolution. They are both active in sports activities in the community.

Palacios, in his resolution, talked about the importance of sports in improving peoples' quality of life, physical and mental health, and well being, as well as in promoting economic development and in combating anti-social behaviors.

He said immediate care of athletes is an important role of sports organizers.

The lawmaker said traditional

emergency medical service, or EMS, role has been a "reactive" one, focused on the post-event stage "and it is evident that moving in to pre-event phase, EMS providers could identify risks that lead to accidents."

"Emphasis on having EMS on-site during local community sporting events will address preventive needs and would afford another opportunity to directly address populations at high risk. The importance of being properly prepared when athletic emergencies arise cannot be overstated," the resolution states.

Some members, however, recognized that there's not enough EMS personnel to begin with, so the House's request may not be granted at this time.

'Students should be allowed to borrow from banks against their scholarship'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and other senators asked the Department of Finance and the CNMI Scholarship Office to allow eligible students to borrow against their scholarship awards to ensure that scholars will be able to pay their tuition on time, a proposal that acting Finance secretary Larrisa Larson and CNMI Scholarship officials are now looking into.

Manglona said banks could be approached to allow scholars to borrow against their scholarship awards, provided that the CNMI Scholarship Office certifies the eligibility of the scholar and that Finance certifies that payment will be made.

The government has been delayed in releasing scholarship checks because of cash flow issues.

Latest information provided by CNMI Scholarship administrator Merissa S. Rasa showed that of the 823 eligible students approved for winter/spring semester, 472 have yet to be issued checks.

This is a combination of offisland and on-island recipients.

Approximately \$650,000 is needed to close out this term, the Scholarship Office said. Each month, the office only gets a total of \$170,000 for awards.

Rasa and CNMI Scholarship board's Carol Hosono, during a meeting with senators, said the office has been trying to "think outside the box" to meet the needs of scholars.

Hosono said they are looking at reducing the number of eligible scholars and the amount of scholarship awards, among other things.

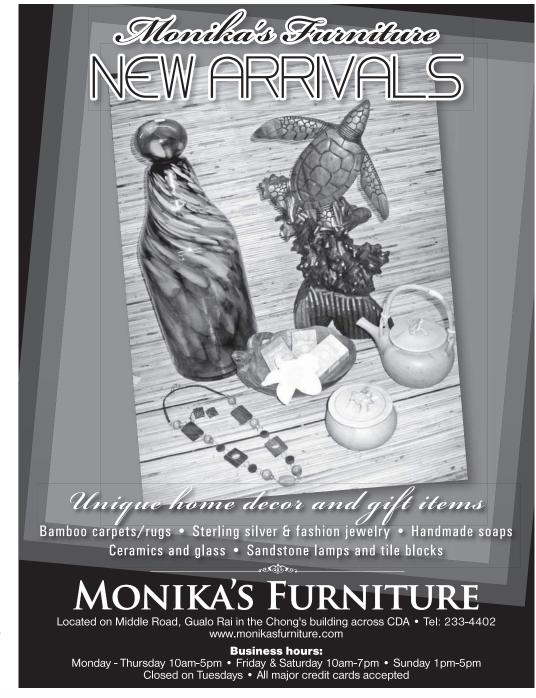
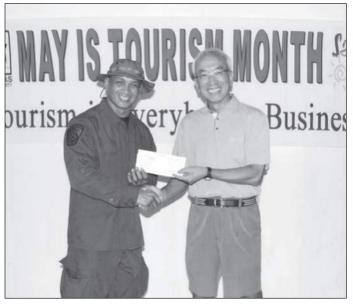


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HANMI DONATION

Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands vice chair BK Park, right, presents a \$1,000 donation to police pfficer Jason Tarkong for Crime Stoppers on May 28, 2011, at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas celebration on Saipan. Crime Stoppers takes tips to help solve crimes in the community and has been the recipient of several donations from the HANMI Charity Fund.

Woman indicted in alleged job scam

An indictment was filed yesterday in federal court against a woman who was arrested last month for an alleged fraudulent scheme to invite Chinese nationals to come to Saipan to work at non-existing jobs.

The indictment charged Heqian Ma with two counts of alien smuggling and two counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 16, 2010, Ma encouraged and inducted Weifeng Guo and Yuyan Li, both citizens of the People's Republic of China, to come and reside in the CNMI, knowing that their entering would be in violation

Ma allegedly recruited Guo and Li outside the U.S. for purposes of employment in the U.S. by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises regarding that employment.

On May 2, 2011, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John A. Houston found probable cause to continue Ma's detention.

Houston said there were no conditions that he could set in order to guarantee Ma's court appearance. (Ferdie de la

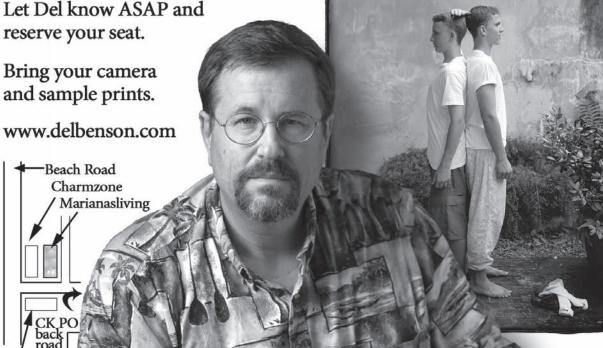


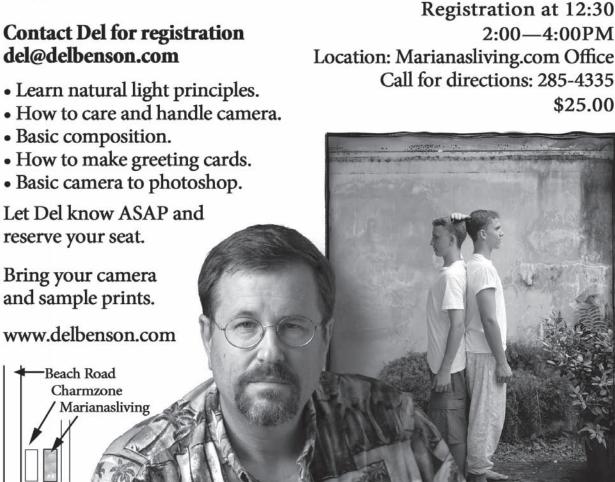
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Limited edition shirts for sale at Flame Tree Festival

Limited edition Flame Tree T-shirts will be sold exclusively during the 30th Flame Tree Arts Festival, according to the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture and the festival committee

"The shirts were made possible through the generous donation of the Division of Youth Services," said overall festival committee chair Parker Y. Yobei. "They donated 250 white shirts with the Flame Tree and DYS logos printed on them. The committee and Arts Council board members will be seen wearing these shirts during the festival to easily identify them in the crowd."



DONUT DAY

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Commander Gary Rogeness, right, and Seaman Patrick Shear, second left, of the USS Cheyenne receive their doughnuts from Doughnut Girls Annie Gillespie and Lucy Norita-Shilling during the welcome reception sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday

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only way he would reinstate the local officers would be if and when Marquez is replaced. That wish had been finally granted.

"I already moved my people back to the task force when [DEA assistant special agent in charge] Robin Dinlocker came to visit me early this year. We have been working collaboratively," Fitial said in an interview.

Besides the intensive body searches, Fitial had also protested DEA's alleged breach of protocol by not informing him of an investigation into his former driver's "ice" dealing that could have endangered his life and that of his family.

The governor said the DEA chose not inform him of the investigation that started in December 2008 when protocol requires the federal agency to do so.

Fitial said this renewed cooperation is the reason why the DEA is also involved in the ongoing search for sisters

Faloma and Maleina Luhk, who have been missing since May 25.

Local and federal law enforcement officers, along with volunteers, have been involved in the massive search operation.

'One month to go'

In other news, Fitial said his physical therapy sessions had just ended but he still has a month to go to see his doctor, to determine whether he still needs surgery.

"I will tell you this. I feel much, much better and I look much, much better than before," he added.

The governor had inflammation in his lumbar No. 4 and No. 5 of his spine. He spent a week of treatment and assessment at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles in March.

At the recommendation of his physician, Fitial's scheduled spinal procedure was called off for at least the next three months. After that, another MRI will be ordered to determine whether or not spinal surgery will still be necessary.

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edly last seen in As Teo on May 25.

In an interview after a news briefing yesterday at the Incident Command Post at the Kagman Community Center, Moore said they are trying to define assets that they can use, including dogs, to help the search.

"That's one of the options that we have," Moore said. He, however, could not say how many trained dogs would be needed.

He said they have to first identify the various assets that they can possibly bring to Saipan.

Although Moore said he does not have experience in dealing with this type of dogs, he believes they could be important in the search for 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina.

If there is a person holding the girls, Moore said the FBI's message is: "Return them as soon as possible because we will not stop investigating until these girls are found."

"To the people, stay alert, keep look-

ing for anything that may assist us. Call in for information because we need the community to help us solve this and find these girls," he said.

FBI and DPS believe that the sisters may have been in possession of school backpacks.

"One of the backpacks is described as being dark purple with writing on both shoulder straps. The brand may be Jansport or similar," according to acting DPS commissioner Ramon Mafnas.

Anyone who finds the backpack must call the police, Mafnas said, because it is significant in their investigation.

"It would tell us a lot of things," he

Moore said if someone in the community sees this backpack, report it to them as it will provide further investigative leads.

Moore said until they finalize the descriptions of the other backpack, they can't release more information about it.

Law enforcers yesterday searched 12 caves in As Teo and the area around the Soledad Church. About 30 volunteers searched San Vicente and Dandan villages.

"We sincerely thank the Division of Youth Services, especially their new director Laura T. Ogomoro," said Art Council director Angel S. Hocog. "Our off-island delegates will also be given these shirts for them to wear."

Hocog said the committees would also be selling souvenir T-shirts for the 30th anniversary of the Flame Tree Art Festival, which will come in different sizes and prices. The small to large shirts will be sold for \$12 while the extra large shirts will be sold for \$13. Hocog said.

"The selling of the shirts will help raise funds to cover some of the costs to be incurred for the festival. We encourage the whole community to buy their very own souvenir shirt to support the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival."

The 30th Annual Flame Tree Festival, to be held from June 9-12 at the American Memorial Park west of the Bell Tower in Garapan, will share the beauty and depth of the cultural heritage of the CNMI by bringing together hundreds of local artists as well as local and international performers who will mesmerize the public with indigenous sights, sounds, and tastes.

The largest cultural event in the Com-

monwealth and renowned in the region. the Flame Tree Arts Festival promotes and perpetuates the knowledge and skills of gifted local artists by providing an avenue for them to demonstrate and display their exceptional arts and crafts.

This year's theme, "Celebrating 30 years of Uniting Cultures and Traditions," is a unique celebration of harmony in diversity among all artists in the CNMI, a fitting reflection of our distinct community.

The committee and Arts Council encouraged the community to come out, support and enjoy the largest annual art and cultural celebration on the islands. (PR)

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the written Senate legal opinion he had submitted to the panel.

Another member of the public, Dr. Gene Oden, asked Torres, "What are you trying to hide?" Oden indicated in a signup sheet that he's opposed to

Torres said the Senate legal counsel should not be allowed to speak because the Senate already made public statements that it will take the matter to court if and when the bill passes the Saipan delegation. He told Meyer to sit down.

Palacios said the committee will allow Meyer to speak only if he does so as a private citizen and not as a Senate legal counsel. Meyer reiterated he was there as Senate legal counsel.

Palacios also said the committee will allow the Senate legal counsel to speak only if the House legal counsel is present to also testify. Neither of the two House legal counsels, who had said in their legal opinions that the bill is constitutional, was at the public hearing.

The crowd got thinner after this epi-

Not all those who showed up on Thursday night testified in favor or against the casino bill.

Some of them indicated they were still undecided on the issue, while others just wanted to listen as the two opposing sides argued their positions.

'Not the answer'

"A casino is not the answer we are looking for," said John Aguon, of Papago, in testifying against the bill.

Aguon, just like others who testified against HLB 17-44, talked about the need to generate additional revenue to help the struggling the economy, but he said a casino industry will make matters even worse because of associated criminality, including illegal drugs.

"Due to the intended targets and their uncertainty, I would say that a \$50 million or a \$100 million initial investment will only be temporary. In about two years' time, we will be back to where we are at today. I do agree that we need to attract more tourists but a casino will not do it," said Aguon, who was also at the first public hearing on Capital Hill but did not testify at that time.

He and others against the bill asked the delegation committees to instead focus on improving existing infrastructure, ensuring public and tourist safety, improving communities, and focusing on bringing back the main tourism market of Japan.

"How do we expect to attract more tourists if the underlying problems are not addressed first?" he asked.

Aguon echoed the sentiments of other lawmakers to put the casino question on the ballot "and let it be decided by the public."

Lorenzo DLG. Cabrera, who also testified against the bill, said the measure "will dig a lot of holes." He later said that the CNMI's taxes are "among the most expensive."

He also described the casino as a "wrong" industry for the CNMI.

'One more time'

David C. Sablan said he is in support of "asking (Saipan) people one more time whether they want casino or not."

He said some 20 years ago, he led a group of individuals, businesses, and religious groups opposing casinos. But he said he realized later on that it makes "economic sense" to allow casinos to help fix the economy.

"I am for economic development and if casino is one, I support it," he said.

But he asked proponents of the local bill to share information with the public whether or not there really are casino investors interested in putting up casinos on Saipan.

"If none, then let's close this chapter," he added.

'Pass this bill'

Remy Sablan, who testified as a mother and as a woman, asked the Saipan lawmakers present to "go ahead and pass this bill."

She said casinos will create jobs, and she does not want to lose her children to the states to find a job. She said she'd rather have them find work here.

Sablan said those who oppose casinos because of prostitution have to realize that, with or without casinos, that problem is already on Saipan. She did ask that the problem be dealt with.

Richard Pizzarro, a 19-year-old Northern Marianas College student, testified against the bill's passage, even though the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance will be given money from casino revenues.

He said if the local bill passes, Saipan will create future generations of gamblers because the young copy what they see from their parents.

Another man stood up and spoke in the vernacular in support of casinos on

Other individuals' names on the signup sheets indicating whether they are in support or not of the bill or undecided include Jose S. Rios, yes; Teddy Guiao, yes; Juan Demapan, yes; and Del Benson, no.

'It's a joke'

JD Tenorio said it seems like lawmakers bent on passing the casino bill are representing only their or somebody else's interest and not the interest of the general public.

"Some of our leaders are dead set in saying this is the only way out. You fail to understand...the adverse social impacts," he said.

Tenorio said the island already has problems with poker gambling, which he described as a social "disease."

"We can't even handle poker gambling, let alone stray dogs... and now we're talking about multi-million casinos? It's a joke," he added.

At this juncture, Rep. Stanley Torres interjected, "What's your solution?"

Tenorio said there should be focus on the existing industry of tourism.

"Why fly to the CNMI to watch [a] Polynesia[n] dance show? I have a solution. We're the people who voted 'no' on the casino. What part of 'no' you don't understand?" he said.

Ignacio "Ike" Demapan, executive assistant for indigenous affairs, testified as a private citizen in support of the casino bill.

"There's an abundance of problems that need monetary solutions," he said, referring to the revenue-generating potential of a casino industry.

He said those who will invest \$100 million in casino, for example, won't invest and leave but will stay for a long time. He also said prostitution is already here even without casinos.

Demapan said money from casino operations will be used, among other things, for scholarships that students need.

Businessman Ta Bun Kuy, who has been on Saipan since 1976, said he has seen the Saipan economy start, grow, go down, and hit rock bottom.

Rep. Stanley Torres pointed out that the CNMI's major tourism market of Japan is currently reeling from the March 11 disasters, and the CNMI needs to come up with other solutions to save the economy.

Rep. Joseph Palacios, who said he does not gamble, cited the ill-effects of poker gambling like addiction, robbery and broken families, but he said multimillion casinos will be regulated.

"The only reason why poker survived is because of local people. Casinos-two or three-will be regulated, situated away from schools. Tourists will be the main market. For tourists, casino is just another option, another activity they can do here," he said.

Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) assured the public that input from the public hearings will be deliberated on by the committees.

Besides Palacios, Torres, Demapan, the other Saipan delegation committee members present were Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), and Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan). Delegation chair Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) stayed at the back.

The public hearings are being jointly held by the delegations' Committees on JGO headed by Palacios, and Ways and Means, chaired by Yumul.

The third public hearing will be on Monday, June 6, at Tanapag Elementary School starting at 6pm.

FOR EFFICIENT DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS:

New deadlines sought for SHEFA check requests

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com

Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance administrator Henry Hofschneider wants the board to establish new deadlines for the submission and processing of check requests to the Finance Department to give the administration enough time to complete all review of applicants and supporting documents.

"The objective of establishing deadlines is intended to serve a couple of reasons, one of which is to close out the disbursement cycle in a timely manner and the other is to eliminate interruptions to the application review process in the current financial assistance cycle," said Hofschneider.

Under the current setup, the fall term deadline to submit applications is July 1, while the deadline to submit supporting documents

such as class schedule and official transcript is Sept, 30. The spring term deadline to submit applications is Dec. 1, and to submit supporting documents, Feb. 28.

"Timely closure of each financial assistance disbursement cycle will be useful in allowing the SHEFA office to determine the remaining amount of appropriation that will be available for disbursement in the next financial assistance cycle. Without a final closeout deadline, SHEFA may continue to be subjected to late requests from applicants for another review of their applications for any of the three types of awards," explained Hofschneider.

SHEFA awards scholarship grants under three categories: grant-in-aid, field of study, and incentive grants, for both offisland and on-island recipients.

Hofschneider disclosed that

Man, too drunk to walk, steals car; gets 14-day term for DUI

A man who allegedly stole a car as he was too drunk to walk has pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of alcohol and was meted a 14-day prison term.

Manuel D. Quitano, 24, pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal; the remaining charges were dropped.

Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona on Wednesday sentenced Quitano to six months in prison, all suspended except for 14 days, with credit for time served.

He was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$100 probation fee.

Quitano will be barred from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages for a year. He was also directed to submit to a mental examination by a licensed physician, therapist or counselor, focusing on alcohol abuse.

Quitano had been charged with theft, burglary, theft of a vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, speeding, reckless driving, and DUI.

The case arose from an incident on Dec. 11, 2009, when Sgt. Joaquin Camacho saw a white Toyota Echo with license plate AON 1 traveling south in a reckless manner around 1:18am.

Camacho tried to flag down the car but the vehicle's driver picked up speed in an attempt to elude the officer.

During the pursuit, Camacho received information from the Department of Public Safety's dispatch unit that the vehicle had been reported stolen.

Camacho pursued the vehicle until it stopped by the Koblerville Estates. Camacho then arrested Quitano with the assistance of other officers.

Quitano allegedly told the of-

US Air Force training on FDM

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 6 and June 10, from 8am to 2:30pm.

The public—especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (*PR*)

ficers that he took a pair of pants, got the keys, and stole the car.

When asked why he stole the car, Quitano allegedly replied that he was too drunk to walk so he stole a pair of pants and got the keys.

Police learned that the pair of pants was owned by Tom Bernardo Jr., an employee of AON

Insurance and the assigned operator of the Toyota Echo.

Bernardo told police that he was sleeping when he received a call on Dec. 11, 2009, at 1:15am from his girlfriend, asking him where he was going as she saw his company car leaving the parking lot.

Bernardo reported the mat-

ter to the police. He then discovered that a pair of pants he had placed on a chair next to his bedroom door was missing. In the pants were a set of keys, including the key for the company vehicle's car, and a wallet containing \$100 cash. Police recovered Bernardo's pants inside the vehicle. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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2011 CNMI Crop Producer & Buyer Directory

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The Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR), in conjunction with its partner agencies and local farmers, is pleased to announce the updating of the <u>CNMI Crop Producer and Buyer Directory</u> for calendar year 2011.

CNMI farmers are urged to contact Mr. Manny Pangelinan, Acting Director of Agriculture, at 322-9830 or via e-mail at mmpangelinan@gmail.com, attention 2011 CNMI Farmers Directory; the Saipan Municipal Council at (670) 664-2700 and ask for Frances Muna or send inquiry and/or information to the council office at email address spnmunco@yahoo.com; the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market Association and speak with Mr. Sid Cabrera, association president; or the Northern Marianas CRESS Office, attention Ross Manglona at rossm@nmcnet.edu, to provide informational updates or submission of new entries to the 2011 Crop Producer & Buyer Directory. Crop producer and buyer directory intake forms are available upon request for newentries to the directory and existing participants who need to provide updated information and data in the 2011 directory.

This year, local retail and wholesale market managers are strongly urged to partake in the 2011 publication, in order to promote local vegetables (e.g., cabbage, pechay, okra, etc.) fruits (e.g., guava, sour sap, banana, etc.) and specialty crops (e.g., orchid, bird of paradise, tea leave, and other cut flowers) and agricultural products (e.g. processed hot pepper, noni juice, guava juice, mango jam, etc.).

Information and data required for the 2011 update include: 1. name of farmer, 2. contact information (i.e., phone number, mailing and e-mail addresses, island (e.g., Saipan, Tinian, Rota, or the Northern Islands), 3. farm plot physical location (e.g., Kagman, Saipan), 4. producer status (i.e., commercial or subsistence farmer), 5. types of vegetable, fruit, floriculture specialty crops, and other agriculture products, and 6. crop or product availability seasonally (perennial) or year round (annual).

The 2011 local farmers directory is expanded to include such information as: 1. where farmers markets (e.g., Sabalu market, Tuesday night market, Thursday night market, etc.) or retail markets that promote local farm produce, crop, and agriculture product operate, 2. when they are open (business days and times), 3. whether they accept food assistance programs like the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), women, infants, and children (WIC) and farmers market nutrition program (FMNP), among others, 4. what kinds of agricultural products are marketed (including fresh fruits and vegetables), and 5. how many participating local vendors that market and distribute fresh local produce, specialty crops, and agriculture products are.

July 28, 2011 at 12 noon is the <u>deadline</u> for updates on existing listing or for submission of new entries to the 2011 CNMI Crop Producer and Buyer Directory.

since the last deadline for the fall term (Sept. 30, 2010), SHEFA still received many requests from applicants for another review of their application because they believe they should have been considered eligible to receive the incentive and field of study awards. These requests, he said, should be considered untimely as well as disruptive to the operation of the SHEFA office and, more importantly, they make the disbursement process inefficient.

"Last requests are disruptive when they are received months after the disbursement cycle has started and close to winding down," he explained, adding that preparing and submitting requests to the Finance Department weeks into the new financial assistance cycle can lead to using current financial assis-

tance allocation for a cycle that should have been closed.

He said this could subject the disbursement of approved awards to delays.

Hofschneider recommends that the deadlines to submit check requests to Finance every semester be changed to not later than Nov. 30 for the fall term and no later than April 30 for the spring term.

The administrator said Nov. 30 and April 30 are two months after the deadlines to submit supporting documents and should be enough to consider ineligibility cases and still submit check requests for any reversals.

Contested cases involving decisions of ineligibility that go up to the board on appeal and are later reversed should be considered on a case-to-case basis, according to Hofschneider.



Special Meeting of the Board of Regents

Board of Regents Conference room, NMC - Saipan Campus Monday, June 6, 2011 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - a. Roll Cal
 - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Legislative Billb. Transition Team
- EXECUTIVE SESSION (At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT
- /s/ Juan T. Lizama Chairperson Board of Regents

Date: June 4, 2011

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 6, 2011 at the NMIRF [Retirement Fund] Conference Room on Capitol Hill to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to the law office of Robert T. Torres, Esq. Plata Drive [Whispering Palms] Chalan Kiya – 670-234-7859/5750.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order quorum
- 2. Approval of minutes of the April 15, 2011 meeting
- Docket 09-1 CUC Electric Division. Consideration of stipulation between CUC and Georgetown regarding the proposed electric base rate increase in furtherance of proceedings conducted during the April 2011 regulatory session.
- 4. Administrative business:
 - Commission authorization to conduct business
- 5. Other business

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Immigration: You can't rely on E-Verify

n Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Arizona law that permits local officials to revoke the licenses of businesses that knowingly hire illegal workers. The decision makes sense in principle but not in practice.

Under the 2007 Legal Arizona Workers Act, business owners are required to use the federal E-Verify program to confirm if a person is authorized to work in this country. Employers must electronically check workers' names against databases kept by the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security. Workers found to be ineligible have up to eight working days to straighten out the problem before employers would be required to fire them. If a company is found to have knowingly hired an undocumented worker once, it can have its licenses suspended; twice, the company may be shut down.

The problem with the Arizona statute is not that it penalizes employers who break the law. Businesses that hire undocumented immigrants should face fines or sanctions, as called for under current federal law (although many would disagree with the court's conclusion that states may impose such penalties). The problem is that the law relies on E-Verify, which isn't ready for prime time.

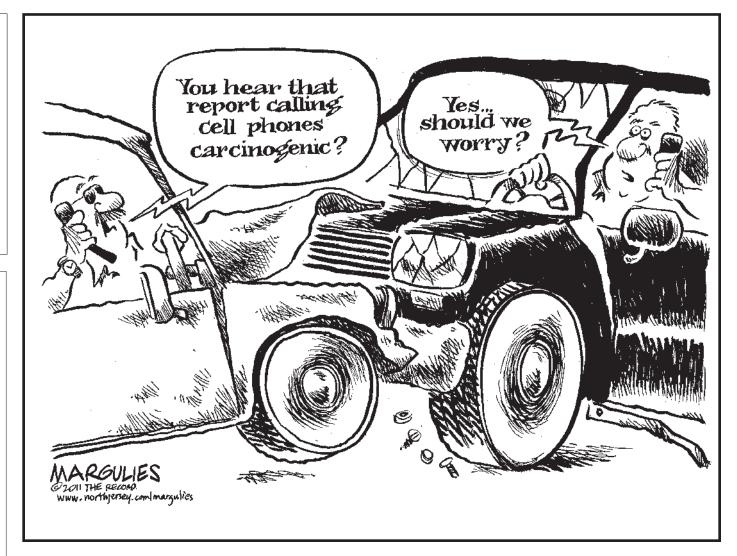
Until now, E-Verify has generally been used on a voluntary basis by employers because of concerns about its accuracy. Conservative estimates put the program's error rate at just under 1 percent—meaning that one out of every 100 legal job applicants could be found ineligible to work. Nearly half of those will not be able to fix the problem even though they are citizens or legal workers, according to the National Immigration Law Center. The reality is that the error rate may be much higher. Consider that in 2008, Intel Corp. reported that just over 12 percent of its workers were wrongly tagged as ineligible, according to the Migration Policy Center in Washington. Or that a survey by Los Angeles County of employees found an error rate of 2.7 in 2008 and 2.0 in 2009, according to a report submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The error rate is especially high in cities with large immigrant communities.

Furthermore, E-Verify doesn't detect identity theft or prevent unscrupulous employers from moving their workforce off the books. Nor does the law guarantee employers that they will be immune from losing their licenses if E-Verify mistakenly allows them to hire an undocumented worker. That lack of protection may, as Justice Stephen G. Breyer noted in his dissent, persuade some business owners to avoid hiring those who look or sound foreign-born.

At the very least, the court's ruling should prompt the Obama administration to act quickly to fix E-Verify and improve its accuracy. And the White House should seek a qualified candidate to serve as the Justice Department's special counsel in charge of enforcing the anti-discrimination provisions of the immigration law.

But the court's ruling doesn't fix the bigger problem: the need for comprehensive immigration reform. Arizona and other states that have passed similar measures are stumbling to create their own immigration laws because the current system isn't working. Thursday's decision should put Washington on notice that in the absence of a federal solution, states will step in to fill the void.

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Deficit reduction requires shared sacrifice

ongress and the White House are now focused on how we deal with our huge deficit—a crisis brought about over the last 10 years by two wars, tax breaks for the rich, the Wall Street bailout and a prescription drug program—all unpaid for. The deficit also increased as a result of the declining tax revenues during a current recession, caused by the greed and illegal behavior of Wall Street.

The debate over deficit reduction comes at an unusual moment in American economic history. While the middle class is in rapid decline and poverty is increasing, the wealthiest people in our country and largest corporations are doing phenomenally well. Over the last several decades almost all new income created in this country has gone to the top 1 percent, who now earn more income than the bottom 50 percent. Further, the United States now has the most unequal distribution of wealth of any major country with the top 400 individuals owning more wealth than the bottom 150 million.

Given the reality of record-breaking corporate profits and the growing gap between the very rich and everyone else, it should be a surprise to no one that every recently published poll suggests that the overwhelming majority of the American people want the deficit to be addressed through shared sacrifice. They do not believe that the deficit should be reduced solely on the backs of working families, the elderly, children, the sick and the poor—many of whom are already suffering as a result of the recession. Unfortunately, that is exactly what the Republicans have proposed.

The Republicans passed a budget in the House that is breathtaking in its degree of cruelty. It would end Medicare as we know it by giving senior citizens inadequate vouchers to buy health insurance from private companies. The result is that seniors would, on average, see their out-of-pocket expenses more than double—increasing by over \$6,000 a year. It would also cut, over 10 years, \$770 billion from Medicaid, vastly increasing the number of uninsured Americans, and threatening the long-term care of the elderly who live in nursing homes.

The Republican budget would also make savage cuts in education, nutrition, affordable housing, infrastructure, environmental protection and virtually every program that low- and moderate-income Americans depend upon.

Amazingly, while the Republican budget writers waged a vicious and unprecedented attack on the needs of working families, they do not ask the wealthiest people in this country, whose tax rates are now the lowest on record, to contribute one dime more for deficit reduction. Nor do they propose to do away with any of the loopholes that enable extremely profitable corporations (like General Electric, Bank of America, Exxon-Mobil, Chevron and many more) to pay little or no federal income taxes. Quite the contrary! The Republican budget actually provides \$1 trillion more in tax breaks over the next 10 years for the very rich.

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Further, at a time when defense spending has more than tripled since 1997 and now consumes more than half of the discretionary budget, the Republican budget does nothing to reduce unnecessary military spending.

The Republican House budget is the most radical right-wing extremist budget ever passed in the modern history of our country, and the more the American people learn about it the more they are rejecting it. The question is, however: Where are the Democrats? Where is President Obama?

Will the president remain strong in his demand that any deficit reduction agreement include an end to Bush's tax breaks for the wealthy? Will he really fight to eliminate corporate tax loopholes? Will he end the absurd policies which allow the rich and large corporations to avoid paying tens of billions in taxes by establishing phony addresses in off-shore tax havens? Or, as he has done within the last year, will he give Republicans almost everything they want at the expense of ordinary Americans.

As Vermont's senator and a member of the Budget Committee, I will not support a plan to reduce the deficit that does not call for shared sacrifice. At least 50 percent of any deficit reduction plan must come from increased revenue from the wealthy and large corporations.

Instead of ending Medicare as we know it and making savage cuts to community health centers and children's health care programs, we must ask the top 2 percent of income earners, who currently pay the lowest upper-income tax rate on record, to start paying their fair share of taxes. Instead of making it harder for working families to send their kids to college, we must end the foreign tax shelters that enable the wealthy and large corporations to avoid paying tens of billions in U.S. taxes. Instead of making major cuts in job creating programs in infrastructure, public transportation and sustainable energy we must do away with a wide variety of loopholes that allow Wall Street executives, whose profits and compensation packages are soaring, to have a lower tax rate than middle class workers.

The deficit crisis is real and must be addressed. But it cannot be solved on the backs of the weak and vulnerable. Every segment of our society, including those who have money and power, must contribute and must sacrifice.

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Why universal health care is inevitable

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he picture looks bleak for universal health insurance. Emboldened by their seizure of the House of Representatives last year, Republicans voted to repeal President Barack Obama's health reforms, which at least brought us closer to covering everyone.

Around the country, meanwhile, GOP governors are suing to overturn the coming mandate that every American must obtain coverage. Republicans even tried to replace Medicare with a voucher plan not guaranteed to pay the full cost of coverage for seniors.

Given such developments, you may wonder if I have coverage for getting my head examined, because I'm convinced that some form of universal coverage is inevitable

First, efforts to undo the Obama reforms will fail because when people get medical coverage, they won't let it go. Consider the Republican Medicare proposal; near Buffalo, it helped tip a safe GOP House seat to the Democrats. And surprisingly, 60 percent of respondents in a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll opposed GOP Medicaid plans as well.

So politicians may attack the Obama reforms, but who among them will now say insurers should be able to reject sick people? That young adults should be ineligible for coverage on their parents' policies, especially at this time of high unemployment? That employers simply needn't provide coverage? These stances will be political poison.

Second, big business understands the need for a universal plan. Wal-Mart and Intel, to cite two examples, have called for a system of affordable universal coverage—joining hands with a leading union in doing so.

Third, the states are leading us to the promised land by showing that universal coverage works—and people strongly support it. Since 1974, Hawaiians have enjoyed mandatory employer coverage, and now non-elderly islanders are half as likely to lack insurance as all such Americans. In Massachusetts, 98 percent are covered thanks to a 2006 insurance overhaul—under then-Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican—that mandated everyone get coverage and provided aid for those who could not afford it.

And last week Vermont's governor signed a bill putting the state on the road to a universal single-payer system. Note that this is pretty much how the Canadian system got started in the 1940s. A lone rural province, Saskatchewan, adopted single-payer universal coverage, and it was so popular that voters all over the country soon began clamoring for it.

Fourth, paying for health care is awfully tough without covering everyone. That's counterintuitive, but universal coverage and cost control go together in every comparable country on Earth. You need healthy young people paying into the system, and unlike our current smoke-and-mirrors arrangement, in which cost-shifting obscures who's paying what, everyone must understand that we all pay. Universal coverage paradoxically empowers—even forces—governments to set rates and clamp a lid on spending. That's crucial, because we spend vastly more of our gross domestic product on health care than anyone else, and the rate of increase is crippling. Yet we rank worse on most measures of health and leave 50 million people uncovered.

Let's not kid ourselves. Every modern country struggles to control health-care spending, with or without universal coverage. This is probably the Achilles heel of the Obama plan. But if it stands—and I'm betting on it—that part will come too, because we'll have no choice.

Stricter cost controls are inevitable. Just like coverage for

Thinking beyond 'college for all' ducation reformers are right to promote college as a logical

extension of high school, but they—we—should beware of getting boxed in a corner.

Simplistic reading of policy rhetoric about college readiness has inspired a backlash. Some point out that not everyone wants to go to college. True. Others hint darkly that not every student is college material. Not so true. Unless there are serious cognitive and developmental challenges, why not?

But the point that college isn't for everyone is well taken. A thoughtful bridge between the college yes and college no crowd comes from the Pathways to Prosperity Project at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

Two researchers from Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were in Seattle last week to talk about the unintended consequences of the "college for all" push. I buy much of what they're saying.

The college emphasis in high school led to a decline in career-related learning. A stubborn dropout rate only exacerbates the problem because it means students are leaving school without career plans, or worse, marketable job skills.

With all the media fascination on young people returning from college to sleep on Mom and Dad's couch, a sizable population are unable to leave their parent's house in the first place.

We ignore them at our economic peril. Non-college-degree holders outnumber those with associate and bachelor's degrees. That's despite the widely used statistic that nearly two-thirds of jobs in the future will require some college. Moreover, Harvard researchers found that despite the emphasis on college, this country is not producing enough college graduates. Yes, we should redouble efforts. Simultaneously, we need a contingency plan outside of college.

Here it is: Broaden "college for all" to include meaningful posthigh-school credentials. This is not an alternative route for kids who couldn't pass science or math. Needed are high-quality career and vocational education programs.

Employment among young people hovers at post-World War II lows-if you think we're in a recession, young people see a depression. Postsecondary education is the new passport in a globally competitive economy. It can be in the form of college, apprenticeships or career certification.

At the same time, the number of degree holders will rise. Cuttingedge efforts and technology have brought us worthy options such as

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Western Governors University, a fully accredited online four-year institution

There must also be efforts to ensure many of the new degrees and certifications are in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics educational tent known as STEM. We need to train the next Boeing machinist and the next technology innovator.

There is a proper nexus between college-prep and quality vocational education. Learning can't be divorced from the real world. The Puget Sound region has a powerful technological ecosystem. If there's a will, this region will find the way.

Educational efforts at the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research offer guidance.

The nonprofit educational organization is pairing a program from the National Science Foundation—Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers—and money from the H1B Visa program to fuel high-school science programs. Many scientists working in the United States are on H1 Visas, so it makes sense to use the proceeds of that program to develop American scientists.

The biomedical research team is piloting a program this summer exposing high-school students to an emerging field centered on biology and information technology. The educational technology maker DigiPen is offering gaming expertise to help students design biotechnology tools—from computer interfaces to ways to store and understand millions of DNA bases.

At the mention of computer gaming, they'll have many students. A career technology education credit offers another strong incentive. I'm heartened that the effort is about more than presenting the sciences as career choices, but also as basic knowledge for a generation that may in a decade be able to download genomes on their iPhones.

A religious 'test' for Mitt Romney

I hings being what they are these days, and with Mitt Romney currently the front-runner in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, it's not too surprising that objections to the former Massachusetts governor's Mormon religion would resurface, particularly in Iowa, where evangelicals wield so much influence in the Republican caucuses.

Romney was the target of both left- and right-wing Mormon-bashing in the last presidential campaign, proving once again that vulgar religious prejudice is one of the few areas of our national life where true bipartisanship still prevails. Even so, last week's attack on Romney by the influential evangelical publisher and writer Warren Cole Smith was notable—not only because Smith is closely aligned with religious factions that recently fueled the campaign to oust three Iowa Supreme Court justices who had overturned a ban on same-sex marriage but also because he argued that it doesn't matter what Romney believes on social or economic issues.

In an online essay aimed at fellow evangelicals, Smith argued that "you can't have it 'both ways' when it comes to Romney's faith. You can't say that his religious beliefs don't matter, but his 'values' do. The Christian worldview teaches that there is a short tether binding beliefs to the values and behaviors that flow from them. If the beliefs are false, then the behavior will eventually—but inevitably be warped. ... There's a lot about Romney I like. He seems to be a competent manager; he's a fiscal conservative and his positions on some social issues—while problematic in the past—seemed to have genuinely changed. But certain qualifications make a candidate unfit to serve. I believe a candidate who either by intent or effect promotes a false and dangerous religion is unfit to serve.'

In other words, Romney's positions on the issues or governance itself are of no avail; his personal history, his demonstrated character count for nothing because his conscience is objectionable. Smith has done us all a service by taking us quickly and clearly to where our politics' creeping religiosity inevitably has been leading: a de facto religious test for office.

There's also been something of a sea change in rhetoric since the last election, with the theocratically inclined—from Sarah Palin to the Catholic archbishop of Denver, Charles Chaput—arguing that John Kennedy was wrong in his famous 1960 speech that set the paradigm for looking at candidates and their religion. Kennedy, this line of thinking goes, was guilty of marginalizing religious belief, which is an indispensable

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quality in a political officeholder. It's a short step, though, from insisting on some display of faith to demanding that it be the "right" one.

Functionally, this sort of thinking threatens to make a dead letter of the Constitution's ban on religious tests for office, and we ought to consider the implications. Article VI of the Constitution couldn't be more clear: "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

This clause is the most crystalline expression we possess of the framers' views on the relationship between church and state. It predates even the establishment clause in the First Amendment. It's also, as the ethicist and political historian William Lee Miller pointed out, evidence that "the new nation was electing to be nonreligious in its civil life." Miller also reminds us that the Constitution contains no references to God, a creator or even the "providence" to which the many deists among the framers often alluded.

Like his friend Thomas Jefferson, James Madison drew the architecture of his thinking on this question from John Locke's great 1689 essay, "A Letter Concerning Toleration," in which this summary appears:

"I esteem it above all things necessary to distinguish exactly the business of civil government from that of religion and to settle the just bounds that lie between the one and the other. If this be not done, there can be no end put to the controversies that will be always arising between those that have, or at least pretend to have, on the one side, a concernment for the interest of men's souls, and, on the other side, a care of the commonwealth."

Place the politics and society that Locke and Madison envisioned against those Smith, Palin and Chaput urge, and ask: Which is the saner?

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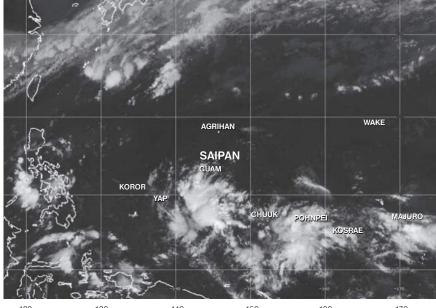
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FRE 300 Rota-Saipan	17:00 17:50	17:30 18:20	Daily Daily	FRE 123 FRE 125	17:40 18:30	17:50 18:40	Daily Daily
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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC 🛱

Mt. Carmel Cathedral Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours:

Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center

Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish

Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena

Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass

Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish

Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated

Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)

Parish office hours: Wednesday and Saturday: 4-6pm

Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish

Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish

Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota

Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota

Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish

Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy

Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass

Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass

Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm

Telephone no. 234-6991 **San Roque Parish**

Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English

Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass

Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell:

285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish

Monday-Friday: 6pm. Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo

Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios

Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass Parish office hours: Monday- Friday:

Born Again Christian

(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm

Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan

Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of

Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday

Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church,

Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road

Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion

Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm

Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio

Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan

Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)

Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church

Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church

(Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan

Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church,

Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-

Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan

English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry

Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian

Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center

Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)

Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church

Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm

Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ

Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church

(Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan

(Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville

Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan

Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above

Subway Sandwiches Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries

5:30am-6:30am Sunday Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian

Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service

Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service

Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice

Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

Business

Job growth could be weakening as economy sputters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hiring may be slowing after months of healthy job gains that helped drive economic growth.

The government's May jobs report, to be released Friday, is expected to cement evidence that the economy has weakened in the face of high energy prices, scant pay raises and a depressed housing market. Analysts have been rushing to scale back their forecasts for job creation.

Despite those worries, the government has shifted away from economic stimulus and is focused on debt reduction. The Federal Reserve isn't expected to take any further steps to spur growth. Persistent economic weakness could also imperil President Barack Obama's prospects in the 2012 election.

Pressure to focus on debt reduction was heightened Thursday by a warning from Moody's Investors Service. The credit rating agency said it might downgrade the nation's credit rating if the government failed to make progress in raising the debt limit in coming weeks. Republicans say they will agree to raise the limit only if Democrats back deep spending cuts.

"There are reasons to be worried," said Michelle Meyer, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "It appears there's not much desire to do more in Washington even as the economy weakens."

Higher gas prices have left less money for consumers to spend on other purchases, like furniture, appliances and vacations. And average wages aren't even keeping up with inflation. As a result, consumer spending, which fuels about 70 percent of the economy, is growing sluggishly.

Oil prices soared from about \$70 a barrel last summer to as high as \$115 this spring. They were driven up by turmoil in the Middle East and rising demand in developing countries. More expensive oil sent gas up to nearly \$4 a gallon nationwide, though both oil and gas prices have ticked down in the past few weeks. Gas averaged \$3.78 a gallon Thursday, according to AAA.

Higher prices for energy and raw materials have also left businesses increasingly cautious about hiring and expanding. And growth in manufacturing output weakened last month, in part because the March earthquake in Japan disrupted supplies of electronic components and other parts. Those disruptions have also reduced auto production and sales.

The nation's unemployment rate stands at 9 percent. It's expected to dip to 8.9 percent for May, but most economists will be focused on the job-creation figures.

In recent days, economists have sharply reduced their expectations for hiring in May. Nomura Securities now projects a gain of 85,000, down from 175,000 earlier this week. The consulting firm High Frequency Economics cut its estimate to only 50,000, from an earlier target of 200,000.

Those figures are much lower than average job gains of about 230,000 in the past three months, the strongest hiring spree in five years.

A slowdown in hiring could weaken the economy for the rest of year, even as temporary factors such as the disruptions from the Japan earthquake fade.

"We do believe there's a slowdown in the underlying momentum of the economy," Meyer said.

BoG hires **Taitano**

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam announced during its annual shareholder meeting that it has hired Alexandra L.G. Taitano as assistant vice president/ wealth management advisor with the BG Wealth Management Division.

Taitano joins the BG Wealth following four years with Merrill Lynch (Guam) as a financial



Taitano

that, she was with ASC Trust Company for five years as a special projects

advisor.

Prior

manager.

Taitano is a 2007 graduate of the University of Guam and holds the following FINRA Licenses Series 7-Full Registration/General Securities Representative, Series 66-Registered Investment Advisor, Life, Health and Variable Insurance License-Guam and California. She also received her Professional Designation from the College for Financial Planning: Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor.

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Kelly, Giffords reunite, hold hands for 2 hours

HOUSTON (AP)—Endeavour commander Mark Kelly and wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords reunited Thursday evening after more than two weeks apart and they weren't letting go.

Kelly, who landed Wednesday after a 16-day flight that was Endeavour's final mission, finally got back together the next day with Giffords, who is recovering from a gunshot wound to the head. The reunited couple held hands for two hours, said Giffords spokesman C.J. Karamargin.

"It was actually a very touching moment," Karamargin said Thursday evening. "They are smiling ear-to-ear and haven't let go of each other's hands."

Kelly had rushed to Giffords' rehabilitation center after a public celebration that lasted more than an hour for the six-man Endeavour crew's return home to Houston. He caught Giffords still putting on her makeup, Karamargin said.

Giffords, who was shot in the head during a mass shooting in Tucson, Ariz. in January, changed from sweats to jeans and a blouse. She had already eaten so it wasn't a dinner date, but that didn't matter.



Space shuttle Endeavour crew members from left: commander Mark Kelly, pilot Greg Johnson, mission specialists Mike Finke, European Space Agency astronaut Roberto Vittori of Italy and Drew Feustel take the stage during a welcome home from space ceremony Thursday, June 2, 2011, at a NASA hangar in Houston.

It had been 18 days since they had last been together, right before Endeavour's May 16 launch. Then Endeavour blasted off, traveling to the International Space Station. Endeavour landed Wednesday and the astronauts returned to Houston's Ellington Field where hundreds of people cheered them on.

It was an emotional curtain call for the next-to-last shuttle flight, with the astronauts signing autographs after each talked about the support from coworkers and family.

While the crew singled out individual workers and departments at Johnson Space Center, they emphasized the sacrifices of their loved ones.

"I want to thank my family— Gabby who is not here today— Claudia and Claire who are here in the front row," Kelly said, referring to his wife and daughters. "I could not do it without their support."

Endeavour astronaut Drew Feustel added a special note to

his wife, Indira: "Honey, happy anniversary today."

And the astronauts also praised the ship that will no longer be flying. After 19 years and 25 flights, "Endeavour performed as if it was brand new," Kelly said.

"It's not the end of Endeavour either," Kelly said. He said Endeavour will continue to inspire young people to study science and engineering at its new post at a Los Angeles museum.

And future spaceships will learn from the space shuttle fleet, which is retiring after the scheduled July 8 launch of Atlantis, said Endeavour astronaut Roberto Vittori

Kelly called Giffords almost daily via telephone, and had one video hookup during the mission, Karamargin said.

Giffords left rehab in Houston to be at Endeavour's May launch.

Johnson Space Center Director Mike Coats, a former astronaut, praised Kelly for the way he compartmentalizes family and NASA duties, like most astronauts: "He's probably had a bigger challenge than most. He did a terrific job."

ACROSS THE NATION

S. Dakota residents evacuate ahead of dam releases

PIERRE, S.D. (AP)— Flood-threatened neighborhoods of the South Dakota capital and its sister city across the swollen Missouri River largely emptied on Thursday as residents heeded calls to leave for higher ground ahead of the planned release of water from upstream dams. Most of the approximately 3,000 people living in low-lying areas of Pierre and Fort Pierre had left homes, and others loading their belongings onto pickup trucks said they'd be gone by Gov. Dennis Daugaard's unofficial deadline of 8 p.m. No one was ordered to leave home ahead of Friday's planned dam releases, but it appeared few were willing to take their chances.

CA woman held 18 years too afraid to try escape

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP)—A woman who was kidnapped, raped and held captive for 18 years was so afraid of her abductors that she never tried to escape, according to court documents released Thursday. Jaycee Dugard said in testimony to a grand jury that she was zapped with a stun gun while being taken from a South Lake Tahoe street at age 11 and kept under a blanket in a car as she was driven to the home of Phillip and Nancy Garrido. Dugard said she heard a man laughing as he said, "I can't believe we got away with it."

NJ governor reimburses state for chopper flights

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—After taking a beating for more than a day, Gov. Chris Christie agreed Thursday to reimburse the state for personal use of a police helicopter to fly to two of his son's high school baseball games and a political dinner with GOP donors. But the governor, revered among Republicans for his hard-charging, budget-cutting ways and reviled among many Democrats for the same traits, made no apologies for what he called an effort to be a good father. Christie, often mentioned as a potential 2012 presidential candidate, said he paid \$2,100 and asked the state Republican Party to pay \$1.200 to cover the costs - not because he believed he was in the wrong but because the furor had become a distraction from serious matters.

Police: Arizona man kills 5 before taking own life

YUMA, Ariz. (AP)—A 73year-old man's shooting rampage in towns near the Arizona border left six people dead Thursday, including the suspect and the attorney who represented his ex-wife in their divorce.

Police said Carey Hal Dyess also wounded one person in the shootings around Yuma, a city of about 91,000, before he was found dead of an apparent selfinflicted gunshot wound nearly six hours after the first shots were fired

The lawyer was killed while packing up his office on his last day of work.

"This is not a random act,"

er said. "These victims were targeted."

Yuma County Sheriff Ralph Ogden said the first shooting was reported shortly after 5 a.m. in Wellton, about 25 miles east of Yuma. The woman was in critical condition at a Phoenix hospital.

He said Dyess then fatally shot four people around town before driving to Yuma and killing prominent attorney Jerrold Shelley at about 9:20 a.m. The bodies in Wellton were found between 8:20 and 9:45 a.m.

Police believe Dyess drove back toward Wellton, pulled over and fatally shot himself.

Yuma Police Chief Jerry Gei- His body was found at 10:47 a.m. inside a vehicle.

> Neither police nor the sheriff would identify the other four dead.

Shelley was killed in his downtown law office. Shelley represented Dyess' ex-wife in their 2006 divorce, which was Dvess' fifth.

Vida Florez, a Yuma attorney who knew Shelley, said she learned of the shooting after leaving court. She said she heard from a witness who spoke to the police about what happened inside the office.

"They said the shooter came in and told the secretary to 'Get out of here," Florez said. "She did, and he shot Jerry Shelley and he left."

Shelley also was one of the lawyers representing seven young men-three sets of brotherswho sued the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson after accusing a priest of repeatedly raping them when they were children.

A man and woman were found dead in a small farm house outside the nearby town of Wellton, said Yuma police Sgt. John Otero. The tree-shaded home was set back about 100 feet from a highway, with a cow pasture in front.

The downtown shooting

prompted officials to block off a street and to lock down the nearby county courthouse and some schools. Those buildings were later reopened.

Court records show Dyess was involved in two civil court cases, one in Yuma and one in Wellton. A judge issued an order of protection against Dyess in one of the cases in 2006, and a court clerk said it stemmed from Dyess' divorce. No information was immediately available on those cases.

Court records also show the 2006 divorce was Dyess' fifth, with the previous four divorces all in Washington state.

Mass. towns give thanks tornado toll wasn't worse

MONSON, Mass. (AP)— to 522 and make this year the The sight of flattened homes, deadliest for tornadoes since peeled-off roofs and the toppled steeple of a 140-year-old church stunned New Englanders after deadly tornadoes swept through Massachusetts, striking an area of the country that rarely sees such severe twisters.

The storms, which came with fair warning but still shocked with their intensity, killed at least three people, injured about 200 and wreaked damage in a string of 18 cities and villages across central and western Massachusetts.

If the National Weather Service agrees Wednesday's three deaths are tornado-related, it would bring the year's U.S. toll

1950. The highest recorded toll was 519 in 1953; four deaths from Joplin, Mo., that were added Thursday tied the record. There were deadlier years before 1950, but those counts were based on estimates

Tornadoes are not unheard of in New England—the downtown of Connecticut's largest city was devastated by one last June-so many people heeded warnings. That didn't guarantee their survival; among the dead was a mother who shielded her teenage daughter as they huddled in a bathtub. But in many cases, doing the right thingquickly—helped save lives.



A car is lifted ontop another from a tornado the day before in West Springfield, Mass., Thursday, June 2, 2011.

Adams Hometown Market in the picturesque village of Mon-

Karen Irla, 50, was leaving son when she heard children on their bicycles yelling, "Look at that tornado!"

"I screamed and I screamed and I screamed, and that's why I have no voice today," said Irla, who drove to a nearby senior center and waited until the storm passed.

Inside the market, produce manager Frank Calabrese made a quick decision that helped keep customers and employees from coming to harm.

In a move recalling a famous video from the recent deadly tornado in Missouri that documented shoppers' terrifying moments inside a convenience store cooler, Calabrese herded them into a walk-in freezer, where six to eight endless minutes passed while the building shook and windows shattered.

Asia

Japan's PM beats censure, hints at resignation

TOKYO (AP)—Prime Minister Naoto Kan defeated a noconfidence motion Thursday over his handling of Japan's triple disasters, but the victory may be short lived—he said he is willing to resign once the country's recovery takes hold.

Buying himself some time and warding off a challenge that threatened to split his party and send Japan's government into a deeper morass, Kan won by a margin of 293-152 in the 480-seat lower house of parliament.

Kan, in office just one year, had been criticized for not responding swiftly enough to the crisis caused by the March 11 earthquake and massive tsunami that left more than 24,000 people dead or missing. The tsunami also crippled a nuclear power plant northeast of Tokyo, setting off radiation leaks and the evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

The disaster—believed to be the costliest in history—has been a huge drain on Japan's long-stagnant economy. The head of the nuclear plant's operator already has resigned in



Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan speaks during a news conference at his official residence in Tokyo, Thursday June 2, 2011.

disgrace, largely over criticism the utility did not adequately prepare for a large tsunami.

Before Thursday's parliamentary session, Kan urged lawmakers to let him stay and push ahead with measures to bring the country through the crisis, but in a nod to his many critics, he acknowledged "shortcomings" and said he would consider stepping down after the recovery firms up.

"Once the post-quake reconstruction efforts are settled, I compensation for victims.

will pass on my responsibility to younger generations," he said. "The nuclear crisis is ongoing, and I will make my utmost efforts to end the crisis and move forward with post-quake reconstruction works."

Kan has been criticized for delays in the construction of temporary housing and a lack of transparency about evacuation information in the nuclear crisis. His government is also embroiled in a debate about

Petraeus vows to keep civilian deaths to minimum

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— The top NATO commander in Afghanistan said Thursday that he is committed to reducing the loss of innocent lives to an absolute minimum.

The statement marked Gen. David Petraeus' latest attempt to ease President Hamid Karzai's anger over civilian casualties. Karzai exploded in rage after a recent air attack that killed at least nine civilians in Helmand province in the south.

After that attack, Karzai ordered the U.S.-led coalition to stop bombing homes because too many civilians were being killed. It was Karzai's strongestever statement against NATO alliance airstrikes and further

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complicated a difficult relationship with the Obama administration as it prepares a troop drawdown in the increasingly unpopular war.

In a visit to Khost province in eastern Afghanistan along the Pakistan border, Petraeus expressed his "absolute commitment to reducing to the absolute minimum the loss of innocent, civilian lives" during operations targeting insurgents.

NATO has significantly reduced civilian casualties in recent years, but civilians deaths from insurgent attacks have spiked.

"We share President Karzai's emotion about this," Petraeus said. "We are here to protect the people, to safeguard them, not to harm them or their property." Petraeus and Karzai are expected to discuss the sensitive

issue at a meeting this weekend.

Karzai regularly and publicly condemns NATO for not doing enough to reduce civilian casualties. But international military officials say that in private discussions Afghan officials say NATO should keep up the pace of night raids and airstrikes because they are effective. Those officials have always spoken anonymously so as not to contradict the Afghan government.

Karzai's spokesman said, however, that Karzai intends to stand firm on the issue this time, regardless of the fallout with NATO.

of Buddha and other religious images onto the skin of non-Buddhist visitors across the country. "Foreigners see these tattoos as a fashion," Niphit said in the statement posted on his ministry's website Thursday. "They do not think of respecting religion, or they may not be aware"

group suicide

4 SKoreans found dead in apparent

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Police say four South Koreans have been found dead in an apparent group suicide. Police say the bodies of two men and two women in their 20s were found Thursday in a parked van in Seongju, about 190 miles (300 kilometers) southeast of Seoul. Police believe the four killed themselves by burning coal briquettes and inhaling fumes because burned briquettes were found in the car and the windows were sealed with tape.

Thailand seeks to ban tourists' **Buddha tattoos**

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's Culture Ministry says foreign tourists should be barred from getting Buddhist tattoos while visiting because the practice is culturally insensitive. Culture Minister Niphit Intharasombat said in a statement that his ministry has been receiving complaints from residents that tattoo parlors are etching sacred images

that it can be offensive.

Luggage stuffed with 431 reptiles found in Bangkok

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai customs authorities say 431 turtles and other rare reptiles were stuffed into four suitcases and smuggled into the Bangkok airport. Gharials—a type of crocodile native to India-and Indian star and roofed tortoises were among the species found in the luggage Wednesday. Customs Department Director-General Prasong Poontaneat says many of the reptiles are endangered and international trade is banned. They were discovered when an Indian traveler arriving from Bangladesh failed to retrieve his bags.

World

Yemen slides toward all-out fight for power

SANAA, Yemen (AP) of tribesmen Thousands threatened Thursday to descend on Yemen's capital to join the battle against forces loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh as the country slid deeper into an all-out fight for power. Government forces in Sanaa unleashed some of the heaviest shelling yet against their tribal rivals in a dramatic escalation of the conflict.

For months, youth-led protesters have tried to drive out Saleh peacefully. But their campaign has been overtaken and transformed into an armed showdown between Yemen's two most powerful families, the president's and the al-Ahmar clan. The al-Ahmar family heads the country's strongest tribal confederation, which has vowed to topple Saleh after 33 years in power.

Their nearly two week-old battle in Sanaa raises a dangerous new potential in Yemen: that tribal fighting could metastasize and spread across the impoverished nation. Tribes hold deep loyalty among Yemen's 25 million people, and the death of a member can easily draw relatives into a spiral of violence.

On Thursday, tribesman attacked security forces in the city of Taiz, south of the capital, apparently to avenge deaths of protesters there last week or to protect them from new crackdowns. Saleh's security forces have cracked down hard on the street protesters, killing well over 100 since February, but until now tribal fighters had stayed out of the fray. Thursday's attack suggests other tribes may see the fighting between Saleh and al-Ahmar as a sign it is time to get out their guns as well.

Deeply worrisome to the United States in particular is the possibility al-Qaida's branch in Yemen—one of the terror network's most active franchises in the world-will exploit the chaos.

In Sanaa, Saleh's troops battered al-Ahmar's positions with some of the heaviest artillery bombardments of the conflict. Gunbattles raged in the northern Hassaba district, the epicenter of the fighting that began May 23 and has since spread to other parts of the city. Troops set fire to the headquarters of a private TV station owned by one of the 10 al-Ahmar brothers.

Artillery and rocket fire also set alight the offices of a private domestic airline, several clothing warehouses and four houses close to the al-Ahmar family compound in the district.

There was no immediate word on deaths or casualties in the fighting, which has killed more than 160 people since it erupted.

Outbreak in Europe blamed on 'super-toxic' strain

LONDON (AP)—Scientists on Thursday blamed Europe's worst recorded food-poisoning outbreak on a "super-toxic" strain of E. coli bacteria that may be brand new.

But while suspicion has fallen on raw tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce as the source of the germ, researchers have been unable to pinpoint the food responsible for the frightening illness, which has killed at least 18 people, sickened more than 1,600 and spread to least 10 European countries.

An alarmingly large number of victims—about 500—have developed kidney complications that can be deadly.

Chinese and German scientists analyzed the DNA of the E. coli bacteria and determined that the outbreak was caused by "an entirely new, super-toxic" strain that contains several antibiotic-resistant genes, according to a statement from the Shenzhen, China-based laboratory BGI. It said the strain appeared to be a combination of two types of E. coli.

"This is a unique strain that has never been isolated from patients before," Hilde Kruse, a food safety expert at the World Health Organization, told The Associated Press. The new strain has "various characteristics that make it more virulent and toxin-producing" than the many E. coli strains people naturally carry in their intestines.

However, Dr. Robert Tauxe, a foodborne-disease expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, questioned whether the strain is truly new, saying it had previously caused a single case in Korea in the 1990s. He said genetic fingerprints may vary from specimen to specimen, but that is not necessarily enough to constitute a new strain.

"Though it appears to have been around awhile, it hasn't called attention to itself as a major public health problem before," Tauxe said.

Elsewhere in Europe, Russia extended a ban on vegetables from Spain and Germany to the entire European Union to try to stop the outbreak spreading east, a move the EU quickly called disproportionate and Italy's farmers denounced as "absurd." No deaths or infections have been reported in Russia.

In Hamburg, Philipp, a 29-year-old photojournalist, was hospitalized on Monday after falling ill. He would not provide his last name because he did not want people to know he had the E. coli strain.

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Libyan woman claiming rape deported from Qatar

who claimed she was gang-raped by Moammar Gadhafi's troops was deported from Qatar where she sought refuge, and is now in Benghazi, said a U.N. official on Thursday. Her sudden expulsion cast light again on one of the most widely covered incidents of alleged abuses by Gadhafi's forces, as NATO continued its relentless nightly bombing raids on Libyan military and security bases, backing rebels who are trying to unseat Gadhafi after a four-decade dictatorship.

Chavez: We won't tolerate rebels in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—President Hugo Chavez said Thursday he will not to tolerate the presence of Colombian guerrillas in Venezuelan territory, adding that he's confident Colombia's government would in turn capture any oppo-

nents conspiring against his government. "We are not going to allow the presence of any armed TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—A Libyan woman group," including rebels, paramilitary fighters and drug traffickers in Venezuelan territory, Chavez said before meeting with former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. "We have fulfilled our obligations."

Militants say suicide bomber was **Somali-American**

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—The militant group al-Shabab said the man who carried out a suicide bomb attack on a base in Mogadishu this week was a Somali-American, and an official said Thursday that separate clashes with militants in Somalia's capital left at least 17 civilians dead. Al-Shabab said on its website Thursday that a 25-year-old man named Abdullahi Ahmed was the suicide bomber who attacked an African Union peacekeeping base in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, on Monday, killing two AU troops and one government soldier.

Maharlika

PH Consulate to hold free health screening

>>> Other activities to be held to honor Independence Day, Rizal's birthday, Migrant Workers' Day

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

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he Philippine Consul General will conduct its 2nd Quarter Free Health Screening for Filipino workers tomorrow, June 5, from 7am to 12pm at the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Registration begins at 6:30am. Medical services to be offered are blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision checkups.

Filipino workers who will avail of the blood sugar level check up should refrain from taking solid and liquid food from 12 midnight of June 4 up to the actual testing.

The health screening is in collaboration with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team and Hardt Eye Clinic.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said the free health screening is part of activities lined up to celebrate the 113th anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence, the 150th birth anniversary of Philippine national hero Dr. Jose Rizal, and the 5th Philippine Migrant Workers' Dav.

"It is important for Filipinos



Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos reads his proclamation designating June as Northern Mariana Islands-Philippines Friendship Month at the Public Health Secretary's conference room last May 25. Looking on is Consul General Medardo Macaraig. The Consulate has lined up activities to celebrate Philippine Independence Day, Dr. Jose Rizal's birth anniversary, and Philippine Migrant Workers' Day this June. This includes the free health screening on June 5 for all Filipino workers.

to celebrate Independence Day and milestones in our history to honor the sacrifices and martyrdom of our forebears," he told Saipan Tribune. "Without our heroes, Independence and everything that it brings to us would not have been realized."

Macaraig said the Consulate es of President Benigno Sim-

has prepared a program on June 12 that will be highlighted by the flag raising ceremony and the Panunumpa sa Watawat, also at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza.

The program will continue with the reading of the messageon Aquino III, the secretaries of Foreign Affairs and Labor, the administrator for Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and the Philippine Ambassador.

'This year, the featured class will be the Computer Class," said Macaraig, adding that class members will provide a video presentation.

Christian services

Macaraig said several Christian churches have already confirmed their prayer-services for Independence Day.

Among them are Mt. Car- are close."

mel Cathedral, 11am on June 12; Kristo Rai, 6pm on June 11; San Francisco De Borja on Rota, 6pm on June 11; San Jose Church on Tinian, 8am on June 12; Jesus is Lord, 3 morning prayer services on June 12; and Seventh Day Adventist, 11am on June 11.

Macaraig said other confirmations are expected in the coming week. "As soon as we get all their confirmation, we shall publish schedules in our website."

Rizal, migrant workers

Macaraig said they are also finalizing the schedule for a private film showing about Dr. Jose Rizal to honor his birth anniversary on June 19.

"We'll come up with a schedule as soon as we firm up these plans," he said.

On June 25, Macaraig said they will also conduct their regular One-Saturday or Sunday-a-Month consular services on island.

Macaraig said the Philippine Migrant Workers' Day, which falls on June 7 this year, will be included in the June 12 celebration "as the two occasions

Geneva Cruz, The Retrospect to light up Saipan

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Filipino singer Geneva Cruz and The Retrospect band will be performing live on June 11 at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan. Show starts at 8pm but doors will be open at 7pm.

Cruz, who began her career in 1989, was one of the lead singers of the now defunct popular music group Smokey Mountain. She is also a celebrated vegetarian and animal rights advocate.

The Retrospect, meanwhile, became popular for playing retro and funky dance music and is composed of members J. Martin Castro, Goldie Castro, and Ogie Ramos.

Ed Arriola, Jr., manager for Tan Siu Lin Foundation which organized the concert, said this will be the first time that these artists will perform on island.

According to Arriola, it was sales and marketing manager Bojo Molina of Tango Theaters in Guam who helped coordinate the event.

"Having been in show business himself, Bojo Molina has a lot of



Filipino singer Geneva Cruz

contacts with these performers and artists in the Philippines and it was just apt that he found performers to be featured in the concert," he told Saipan Tribune.

Arriola said that both performers have known or heard about Saipan, prompting them to fly to the island for a show.

"The Retrospect band is now based in Guam while Geneva Cruz has heard a lot of good things about our island and wanted to visit," he said.

According to Arriola, Cruz will be on island with her manager while The Retrospect will bring with them some musicians and back up dancers.

"It's really going to be a great show," said Arriola. "I know we have a beautiful island but we seldom get artists to perform for us here so I hope the community will come out to watch the concert."

Arriola noted that ticket prices are kept to a minimum. "We're selling the tickets so people can pay for the show, not to take profits."

Tickets for general admission are only \$10 each while VIP cost \$25 each. Tickets are available at Docomo Pacific and Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe and Garapan.

Arriola added that a press conference will be held once all the performers arrive on island.

'We invite not just the Filipinos but the entire community to watch Geneva Cruz and The Retrospect live in concert. We guarantee you great performances and nonstop fun the entire evening," he said.

The concert is sponsored by Docomo Pacific, Fly Guam, Take-Care, Aon Insurance, Chong's Corporation, Horizon Lines, Salon de Manila, National Office Supply, Bridge Capital, Magic 100Fm, and Taro Sue Corp.

For information, call 233-

PH economic growth slows to 4.9 pct. for Q1

MANILA, (AP)—Slow government spending and weakening global trade constricted Philippine economic growth to 4.9 percent in the first quarter of the its highest annual economic year, officials said Monday.

Economic Planning Secretary Cayetano Paderanga said the growth rate was within the after a recalculation using 2000 government's forecast of an instead of 1985 as base year. expansion of 4.8 percent to 5.8 percent in the first quarter and supported by growth in agriculture and industry.

But he said public investment in infrastructure contracted as government agencies became more careful with their budgets.

The economy grew a blistering 8.4 percent in the first quarter last year.

To boost growth in the coming quarters, government will spend the rest of its budget in the remaining months of the year, address corruption, lower the cost of doing business, and put

Philippines in place a development plan that tackles the high rates of unemployment and poverty incidence, Paderanga said.

> The Philippines posted growth of 7.6 percent in 2010. The figure was revised from the earlier announced 7.3 percent

> The agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing sector grew 4.2 percent in the first quarter after a contraction last year, boosted by a good harvest of rice, sugarcane and corn and strong demand for chicken.

> Industry grew 7.2 percent on expansion of food and electronics manufacturing, private sector construction and gains by the mining and quarrying industries from higher global prices for metals and other

> The services sector, the largest contributor to gross domestic product with a 55 percent share, grew by 3.7 percent.

Binay recommendation: Military honors for Marcos burial in Ilocos

By JERRY E. ESPLANADA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MANILA, Philippines—Vice President Jejomar Binay has recommended full military honors for the burial of ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos but that the interment service must take place in the former president's province of Ilocos Norte, not at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, a source in Malacañang said, confirming similar information that the Philippine Daily Inquirer had received.

The same source, who asked not to be identified by name, declined to provide other details about Binay's proposed burial arrangements for the late dictator.

Aquino had tasked Binay to decide whether to allow the burial of Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Being the son of the late President Corazon Aquino and assassinated former Senator Benigno Aquino Jr., both of who were among Marcos' greatest political foes, the young Aquino inhibited himself from making a public stand, citing personal bias, and asked Binay to help him decide.

Marcos' remains are preserved in a refrigerated crypt in Batac City, Ilocos Norte. His family has refused to bury him until he would be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani with full military honors.

Marcos died on Sept 28, 1989 while in exile in Honolulu, Hawaii. His remains were brought back to Manila in 1993 during the administration of President Fidel Ramos, a distant relative of the ousted leader.

Early this week, Binay said he was hopeful Aquino would announce "within the week" the government's decision on the late strongman's burial.

He described his recommendations as "very balanced," claiming that "all sides were considered.'

Binay said that "every opinion from every person who responded to the survey [conducted by the Office of the Vice President] was given consideration."

In April, Binay's office sent out an undisclosed number of letters seeking the opinion of various groups and decision-makers on the Marcos burial issue. It also launched a text and e-mail survey to encourage public participation on the matter.

Last month, Binay disclosed that "senators and lawmakers [had] not sent their official responses to the survey conducted by the OVP, although some [had] already expressed their opinion through the media."

He also said that "none of the 130 parties accredited by the Commission on Elections [had] so far replied to the OVP's letter seeking their official stand on the issue." But his office said it would "still wait for the official stand of the political parties."

At the House of Representatives, a resolution was filed by Sorsogon Representative Salvador Escudero urging Malacañang to allow the burial of the remains of the late strongman at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. At least 216 House members signed House Resolution No. 1135.

The resolution said that "as the longest serving President of the republic, Ferdinand Marcos built the modern foundations of the Philippines" and that Marcos "remained a Filipino patriot to the end of his life and in death deserves to be honored as such.'

The Makati Business Club, however, dismissed the House measure as "historical revisionism at its deceitful worst in an attempt to recast the image of a disgraced leader."

In a statement, the MBC said "the claim that he built the modern foundations of the Philippines is a gross distortion of the late dictator's true legacy of autocracy, ruined democratic institutions, violent political repression, unprecedented wholesale corruption, shameless nepotisms, crony capitalism, a crushing debt burden, and widespread social inequity and marginalization."

It recalled that Marcos "did not call for a presidential election until 1981—a sham political exercise meant to bolster his democratic pretensions."

"It was only due to the intense political pressure that had built up after the assassination of Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. in 1983 that he was forced to call another presidential election in 1986. He tried to steal that vote as well, but the true will of the people could no longer be suppressed and he was driven out of power by a peaceful popular uprising," the MBC added.



DAILY LIFE

Rowena Morcilla, left, pedicures the feet of her customer along a busy street in Manila, Philippines on Wednesday June 1, 2011. Morcilla peddles around downtown Manila carrying her kit and stool. She charges P100 (about US\$ 2.3) for a pedicure and manicure treatment.

Peso dragged by negative outlook on US economy

By MICHELLE V. REMO

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MANILA, Philippines—The peso snapped the appreciation seen in the previous days as unfavorable reports about the US economy dampened sentiment of investors for emerging markets like the Philippines.

With outlook for the US economy deteriorating, expectations mounted that developing Asian countries like the Philippines might suffer the ill-effects of lower earnings from their exports to the United States, traders said.

The local currency closed at 43.27 against the US dollar on Thursday, down by 13.5 centavos from previous day's finish of 43.135:\$1.

Intraday high hit 43.16:\$1, while intraday low settled at 43.27:\$1. Volume of trade fell to \$768.85

million from \$995.94 million.

The depreciation of the peso on Thursday came after the release of a report showing that growth in the manufacturing output in the United States in May was at its slowest level since September 2009. Moreover, employment generation in the United States in May also fell below most forecasts, traders said.

Traders said that the unfavorable reports prompted some investors to withdraw funds previously placed in assets from emerging Asian economies and liquefy their assets by shifting into the US dollar.

Village guard living in slum area claims P365M Grand Lotto prize

By PENELOPE P. ENDOZO PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MANILA, Philippines—This barangay "tanod" now probably needs his own bodyguards.

A village watchman too poor to send his children to school has claimed the more than P356million jackpot in Wednesday night's 6/55 Grand Lotto draw, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office disclosed on Thursday.

The lucky bettor from Las Piñas City paid only P20 for a single ticket that hit the winning combination 5-9-19-26-30-45, according to PCSO media officer Joseph Muego.

It turned out that the overnight millionaire many times over recently received financial aid from PCSO.

PCSO General Manager Jose Ferdinand Rojas II said the winner sought the agency's help last month and got P30,000 in medical assistance for his daughter's hospitalization.



Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, PCSO chief, shows the P20 lotto and validation tickets that won over P356 million.

Accompanied by his son, the 60-year-old bettor showed up on Thursday morning in the PCSO head office at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City, this time to claim a much bigger amount, the second biggest prize in the state lottery.

Muego said the winner was also a part-time carpenter who did not finish his studies and whose six children had all dropped out of school.

"Now I don't even know how to count my winnings," Muego quoted the new millionaire saying.

The bettor hit the jackpot after three years of occasionally buying tickets whenever he had money to spare. He picked the numbers based on his wedding anniversary and his children's birthdays, the PCSO official said.

Sharing

Having lived in a slum area for

years, the man plans to build a new house, start a business, and share his good fortune with his siblings in Bicol, Muego added.

"Neither he nor his children had gone to school and his six children, all but one of them married, still live with him in his tiny shack," another PCSO aide told Agence France-Presse.

The aide said the latest winner, who under lottery rules is never identified for security reasons, beat odds of one in 29 million on a six-number combination.

"The old man is really lucky. Others would bet thousands of pesos each time and not win anything," the aide said.

Wednesday's prize was the second biggest-ever win in the Philippine state lottery. The jackpot had increased as there were no winners in 43 previous draws.

In December last year, the lottery paid out a record P741 million to a 63-year-old US-based Filipino who had bought the winning ticket while vacationing in the Philippines.

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Philippines to file new UN protest vs China incursion

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MANILA, Philippines (AP)— The Philippines will file a new protest at the United Nations accusing China of territorial incursion, the president said Thursday in an escalation of spats over disputed South China Sea islands.

China's Embassy in Manila earlier denied the Philippine government's allegations its ships intruded into the Spratly Islands close to the Philippine coast to build new structures and fortify its claim in the potentially oil-rich region.

President Benigno Aquino, speaking to Filipino reporters during a visit to Brunei, said that the Philippines is planning to file a protest at the U.N. for a series of incursions.

"There are six or seven (incursions) happening after February 25. We are completing all the necessary data and then we will present it to them (China) and then file it with the appropriate body, which is the U.N.,"

Aquino said he is still hoping to visit Beijing later this year, and will engage China, a key trade partner, in talks during upcoming regional summits.

The disputed Spratlys, which are believed to be atop vast oil and gas reserves, have long been feared as a potential flash point of armed conflicts in Asia. The chain of largely uninhabited islands, reefs and banks which are claimed by China, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam, straddle some of the world's busiest commercial sea lanes.

The Philippine military has reported that a Chinese surveillance vessel and navy



Theresa Lim right, of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau checks some hawksbill turtles as her staff members take them out of a container van at the Customs area Tuesday, May 24, 2011 in Manila, Philippines. Authorities confiscated 161 stuffed hawksbill and green turtles, black corals and other protected marine species all concealed in two container vans.

ships were seen unloading building materials and erecting posts in the vicinity of Iroquois Reef and Amy Douglas Bank — an uninhabited undersea hill claimed by the Philippines about 125 miles (230 kilometers) from southwestern

It is part of the Spratlys but well within the Philippines' 200-mile exclusive economic zone, the Philippine Foreign Affairs Department said.

The Chinese Embassy in Manila said in a brief statement that "the reported incursion of

Palawan province.

P35 M suit slapped against coral, rare marine life thieves

By TETCH TORRES

MANILA, Philippines—The Bureau of Customs yesterday filed a P35 million smuggling complaint before the Department of Justice against haulers and shippers of black corals, and other endangered marine species.

Charged with violating Section 91 of the Republic Act 8550, or the Fisheries Code of the Philippines, Fisheries Administrative Order 158 and Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001, were the following: Exequiel D. Navarro, listed in the shipment's manifest and bill of lading as the consignee of the illegally harvested marine resources; Olivia Lim Li, proprietress of the Zamboanga-based Li and Lim Trading, alleged shipper of the confiscated contraband; Kim L. Atillano, owner of the Zamboanga-based JKA Transport System, alleged cargo forwarding company tapped by the shipper; and Ireneo Penuliar and several John and Jane Does, all alleged to be involved in the transport of the cargo

Section 91 of the Fisheries Code involves the ban on coral exploitation and exportation, while Fisheries Administrative order 158 prohibits the gathering, taking, collecting, transporting or possession for sale of endangered species of mollusks.

The cargo was intercepted last month at the Eva Macapagal Domestic Terminal Container Yard of the Port of Manila.

An inventory conducted by specialists from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau revealed that the two seized containers were loaded with 163 stuffed hawkbills and green turtles; 21,169 pieces of black corals; 7,340 pieces of Trumpet and Helmet shells, and 196 kgs. of sea whips. All of these are threatened species that cannot be legally gathered, collected, traded nor transported.

Chinese ships' is not true." But, it acknowledged the presence there of a Chinese marine research ship "conducting normal maritime research activities in the South China Sea."

Foreign Secretary Alberto del Rosario said any new construction by China in the area "is a clear violation" of a 2002 accord that China signed with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which includes the Philippines. It calls for countries to exercise restraint and stop occupying new areas in the disputed waters.

Two Philippine foreign affairs officials told reporters Thursday that local authorities have monitored about six aggressive acts of China in the Spratlys that have raised worries that Beijing may be embarking to fortify its territorial claims by constructing new structures on barren offshore areas.

Those acts included the reported firing last February by a suspected Chinese naval vessel to scare away Filipino fishermen from the Jackson Atoll in a Spratlys area claimed by Manila, said the officials, who spoke anonymously because of the sensitivity of the subject.

In March, the Philippines accused two Chinese patrol boats of harassing a Philippine oil exploration ship near Palawan. Last month, the Philippine air force reported that two unidentified foreign fighter jets had flown near a Spratly island occupied by Filipino troops but China denied sending the aircraft.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Handling money issues

By HENRY ONG PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Question: I heard many stories about marriages that failed due to money problems. I am planning to get married in a few months and I don't want to have problems with my partner about money in the future. We are both working professionals but we differ in our spending habits. Can you give me some advice on how to manage our money when we are already married?—John Christopher

Response: Before I answer your question, let me ask you these: Have you tried discussing with your fiancée about managing money together? How well do you know each other's lifestyle when it comes to spending? Do you have enough savings to start a family?

Very often, many couples who are about to get married do not discuss money matters. Instead, they reserve judgment based on their impression of their partner's job and family background. Many couples avoid talking about money for fear that one partner may disapprove or feel offended. The only time that money is seriously talked about is when there is already a financial problem that threatens your marriage. For example, you are consistently missing paying your monthly amortization because you

could not manage your cash flows anymore or your wife has already accumulated mounting credit card debts without your knowledge.

To establish a harmonious financial life, it is essential that you initiate an honest discussion with your fiancée about money. Decide how you two are going to share your expenses at home. If your fiancée earns more than you, you must resolve how much you want to contribute and in what way. Discuss with your fiancée your long-term financial goal as a couple. How much do you need to save together so you can buy your own house and have children later on? These are some of the issues and questions that you need to address during the

Here are some guidelines for you to follow:

■ Organize your bank accounts. Create a joint bank account for common household expenses to be jointly funded monthly by each partner, depending on their respective incomes, while keeping each other's personal accounts for individual expenses such as mobile bills, gasoline or books. You must agree with your partner on how you will share the expenses. You may also want to consider opening another bank account that will keep all your savings. This account will finance all your major expenditures such as housing, car and travel.

■ Assign each one responsibility. Just like in a company set-up, one partner must play the role of an accountant while the other as the treasurer. One partner must be in charge of monitoring and reviewing all payment requests for household bills, making sure that all bills are charged correctly and paid on time while another takes care of managing the cash flows, ensuring that the bank account is properly funded. Not all expenses are paid by checks. You also need to keep a petty cash fund at home and one of you must be accountable for it.

■ Set up a budget. A bud-

get provides you a sense of discipline and helps you control your spending. When you budget, decide first how much of your joint income should be set aside as savings before you start allocating for your expenses. For example, you decide to take out 10 percent of your combined monthly salaries so that the remaining 90 percent will be budgeted for your expenses. Set an amount on each item and try to stick to it as much as possible. You may also need to secure an agreement with your partner when it comes to discretionary expenses. Agree on certain budget that will make an expense a major one. For example, if you are most likely to exceed the budgeted expense when you want to buy new LCD TV or new

iPad then you need to initiate a discussion with your partner so the decision will be made by the two of you.

■ Schedule regular money **meeting.** This is the time when you will review and assess your state of financial position as a couple. You can make this a monthly routine after all the household expenses have been recorded and reconciled with your bank account. The agenda of the meeting must be broad to include not only discussion about the budget but also other issues that may affect your financial life together. Are you keeping up with the budget? What expense item has exceeded the budget and why? Should you revise some items? Do you plan to have major purchases next month? How are you progressing with your long-term financial goals? Answering these questions will help you plan more productively. If you have financial issues such as difficulty in paying your personal credit-card debts or fears of losing your job soon, this is also the opportunity to bring this up and discuss this honestly and openly with your partner.

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Maharlika – PinoyStyle

Actress Pilar Pilapil pays 'surprise visit' to CIDG, bent on case vs kidnappers

By KAREN BONCOCAN

MANILA, Philippines—Former beauty queen-turned-actress Pilar Pilapil is serious in pursuing a case against Rosel Peñas, her female companion on the night she was stabbed, and two other still unidentified suspects, yet to be issued against them, a police official said Wednesday.

After Pilar's "surprise visit" to the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group Wednesday morning, CIDG director Chief Superintendent Samuel Pagdilao Jr. said that they were cautious in handling the case as

although an arrest warrant has they would need a warrant from the Antipolo fiscal's office to make any arrests legal.

Calling the actress' visit to the CIDG office a "surprise meeting," Pagdilao said, "Pilapil dropped by [this morning]. She was supposed to go to the fiscal's office to subscribe her statement but [found out that she was] scheduled to do so June 7." He added that he updated the actress on the case.

Pagdilao admitted that they were facing difficulty with the case because they still had no arrest warrant. He said that a case had been filed but a warrant issued by the fiscal's office would provide the police with legal bamen who hijacked their vehicle Peñas has not left the counon the night of April 14.

Aside from Peñas, Pagdilao said that the two other suspects remained unidentified. "[Our] agents are doing their job [but] the reglementary period is over. We need a warrant to arrest [Peñas]," Pagdilao explained.

The CIDG was certain that try. "There have been no information that would show that she's out of the country," said Pagdilao.

"We are making sure that the criminal justice in the country works," assured the CIDG director.

'Ander de Saya' Buboy says he wants another sor

By MARINEL R. CRUZ

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Cesar Montano, lead actor in GMA 7's newest sitcom, "Andres de Saya," admits he's a henpecked husband.

"I'm ander de saya to a certain extent," Cesar, "Buboy" to friends and married to Sunshine Cruz for 10 years now, told a media gathering recently. "While we were living abroad, there were times when I did the laundry, including ironing all our clothes. Shine didn't grow up doing household chores. I'd feel really guilty if she burned her hands with the hot iron."

Cesar believes it's good to spoil the wife—in many ways. "I always remind her how much I love her. I give in to most of her requests as long as they're reasonable. This helps improve our relationship.'

The award-winning actor ("Jose Rizal," "Panaghoy sa Suba") added, "Andres is similar to John Puruntong (of 'John en Marsha' in the 1980s). He's a kind-hearted, patient, helpful and principled man."

In the new sitcom, Cesar plays Andres Taguyod, who works as a bouncer in a bar. He does not aspire to be rich; his ultimate dream is to marry a woman he really loves. He knows he has found the one when he meets Matilde Golpe de Oro (Iza Calzado), holder of many beauty titles who comes from a welloff family. Matilde's grandmother (Gloria Romero) forces her into marriage with Andres after the old woman caught her drunk one night, on his bed.

Aside from "Andres de Saya," Cesar is busy working on an action movie with actress Sam Pinto, to be produced by Viva Entertainment and his own CM Films. He is also writing the script for a historical film, whose working title is "Getting to America."

Another confession that Cesar made during the gathering was that he and Sunshine are seriously working on having a son. They have three daughters—Samantha, Angeline and Francheska. The actor had a son, Christian Angelo, with his late first wife, Marilyn Polinga.

Angelo passed away last year at age 25. Cesar has another son, 15-year-old Diego, with former actress Teresa Loyzaga.

Do you also spoil your kids as much as you spoil Sunshine?

As a father, I'm a disciplinarian. My girls are unbelievably makulit. I reprimand them when I should, but not to the extent that na napipilayan ko sila o nasusugatan. On the other hand, we have a lot of bonding time-we watch movies, paint or sing together. They all sing quite well. One of them plays the piano, another is just learning to play the guitar. I think my youngest, Francheska, plans to follow in the footsteps of her actor dad. She's so charming.

We haven't seen Sunshine lately. Has she retired from show biz?

She has her hands full taking care of the kids. She did tell me that she'd consider doing a TV show only if it wouldn't demand too much of her time. She also said she would like to appear on "Andres de Saya."

We heard you personally

picked Iza to play Matilde. Is this true?

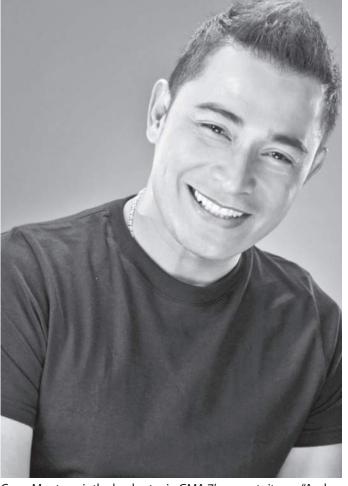
Yes. I've long wanted to work with her, but she's always busy. I'm hopeful that while working on this show, we can also talk about a plan of mine to make a movie with her. Iza is a very good dramatic actress. It would be great to make a serious film with her.

Will Iwa Moto, who was recently hospitalized, still be in the cast of "Andres"? What advice did you give her, if any, about her problem with ex-boyfriend Mickey Ablan?

I'm not sure if management will still make changes in the cast. That's their call. As coactors, we're here for Iwa and we really hope to see more of her on the show. I haven't had the chance to discuss things with her. And when I do, I'd rather talk to her privately than publicize whatever I have to say. It's much better that way.

You draw, sing, compose, as well as act, write and direct films. Do you consider yourself

I could say I'm really blessed.



Cesar Montano is the lead actor in GMA 7's newest sitcom, "Andres de Saya."

That is why I always have this compulsion to use my abilities to help people, especially those of the younger generation. My goal is to make more films that inspire people.

"Andres de Saya" is based on a komiks novel by Carlo J. Ca- ua and Jillian Ward.

paras. In 1980, it was adapted to film with Vic Vargas in the title role and Gloria Diaz as his wife. The Kapuso series also features Caridad Sanchez, Julie Ann San Jose, Elmo Magalona, Chariz Solomon, Fabio Ide, Pekto Nac-

John's word vs onlookers

By DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Onlookers who were at the studio insist that John Estrada hit Alex Magbanua, floor di-Yippee, Yehey."

John sent me a clarification via SMS: "I did not hit Alex. I hit the wall. I did that because binastos ni Alex ang limang matatandang fans ko na umiyak sa akin. 'Di ko pwede palampasin yun. Pinalaki ako ng mga magulang ko na dapat respetuhin ang matatanda. Kung ang pagprotekta sa matanda e kasalanan, okay na sigurong makasalanan ako."

Hopefully, John and Alex will be able to iron out the kinks soon, so they can live up to the title of their show, even off-cam.

Wedding to watch

Now that the petition for the annulment of Zsazsa Padilla's marriage to Dr. Modesto Tatlonghari has been granted, will she finally wed her "Nag-iisang Hari," the King of Comedy Dolphy? That would be the wedding to end all weddings!

Mo hit hard by split-up

DJ Mo was absent from his radio show "Good Times" and the TV program "Juicy Express" for a few days. He also took a break from his podcast. He's still in a state of mourning after his splitup from Rhian Ramos.

"It's hard to pretend to be jolly and to entertain people when you're feeling down," he sighs. "I'm off to Paris again to continue my healing process." Change of scenery, change of heart.

Ynna Asistio still bugged by irate fans

By MARINEL R. CRUZ

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Young actress Ynna Asistio, current girlfriend of actor Mark Herras, says she still hears snide comments from die-hard supporters of Mark and former flame Jennylyn Mercado though the two broke up over five years ago.

"I don't know why their fans behave that way," Ynna tells the Inquirer Entertainment.

But she admits that among Mark's former girlfriends, she feels most jealous and insecure about Jennylyn. "I won't lie about that," Ynna stresses. "I guess it's because I was also a supporter of their on-screen partnership. I followed their love story. I know what they went through as a couple."

Ynna adds, "In all fairness to Mark, he makes sure I feel loved and secure. He tells me everything. He asks for my consent even if he'll just be recording a birthday greeting for Jennylyn."

Does she get jealous, too, when Mark kisses another girl on TV? "Although it makes me feel uncomfortable ... most of the time, he tells me not to watch the program, or else we watch it together."

On GMA 7's new afternoon drama series "Sisid," Ynna, as Gina, plays the romantic interest of Mark Acueza's character, Samuel

"Direk Ricky (Davao) told me to prepare for a kissing scene with Samuel," says Ynna. "I don't know when that will be shot. I feel nervous whenever I think about it, but I've met Mark (Acueza). He seems to be a nice guy. Mark (Herras) is the

jealous type, too. He told me, 'May ibang Mark na sa buhay mo.' But as an actor, he knows how to separate work from personal life.'

Ynna says the worst fight they've had happened a few years ago and lasted for two weeks. She recounts, "It was about his addiction to the online game DotA (Defense of the Ancient). He forgets about me when he's playing. That time, we were supposed to meet at 7 p.m. but he arrived at 11 p.m. I cried and told him I had had enough."

Mark was so hooked on the game, says Ynna, that he was always late even for other appointments. But these days, she says, he plays DotA "only when he's with his cousins."

"Sisid" aired its pilot episode on May 30 on the Dramarama sa Hapon time-block.

Maharlika – Opinyon

EDITORIAL

Large-scale plunder

ry numbers don't do the crime justice. The reef complex off the coast of Cotabato reportedly decimated by poachers and stripped of coral, rare turtles and other marine life cover an area about 7,000 hectares in size. Unless one is a geologist or surveyor, or quick with mental calculations, that figure doesn't sink in fast. Put into comprehensible terms, however, the enormity of the crime and the vastness of the crime scene, as it were, acquire contours and dimensions we can, at last, wrap our brains around. The socalled "rape of the ocean" destroyed coral reefs across an area roughly twice the size of the City of Manila, said senior marine biologist Ludivina Labe of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

The seized goods, presumably destined for sale abroad to collectors of exotic marine specimens, had an estimated market value of at least P35 million. That's a big enough windfall to lure unscrupulous folk with profit in their minds to break the country's laws against the plunder of rare and endangered marine life in its waters.

As it turns out, it's not only the promise of vast sums of money that's driving the shadowy international syndicates behind these illegal activities. As the militant fisherfolk group Pamalakaya pointed out, the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 imposes the lightest of fines and/or jail time for violators, which means poachers with enough money, influence or political clout behind them can easily run rings around the country's judicial system. "While the law bans the gathering and selling of corals, the punishment of violators is very light, with imprisonment of six months to two years and a fine of P2,000 to P20,000," said Pamalakaya chair Fernando Hicap.

Contrast those amounts—P2,000 to P20,000—with the estimated value of the coral contraband about to be smuggled out: P35 million. Obviously, the ridiculously outdated fisheries code needs to have its penal provisions strengthened up if the government is to ever begin waging a decent fight against moneyed syndicates preying on the country's last remaining patches of pristine marine environment.

That is more so because rebuilding the corals' ecosystem takes a long time. "It took 25 years or even more for these corals to grow... They only grow one centimeter a month," said Labe. And some of the other animals harvested with the corals were much older—a 40-inch Hawksbill turtle for instance, that was estimated to be 80 to 100 years old. When found, that turtle had become a dead, stuffed ornament. Who in his right mind would prefer to have such a rare, magnificent specimen hanging lifeless in one's study, gathering dust and stuffed with straw?

But, clearly, there are people who would pay a fortune for it. And now, with this botched smuggling attempt laying bare the shocking pillage of the country's oceans, the government must throw the book at them, their suppliers, consigners and enablers. Pamalakaya's demand sounds just right: the Bureau of Customs and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources must do all they can to identify and bring charges against those responsible for the reef destruction off the South Cotabato coast.

If it takes those corals 25 long years to grow back, make sure their human scourges spend at least as much time in jail.

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God wants

inally, they're discussing divorce again in Congress. And expectedly, Catholic Church leaders are raising hell again in the pulpits.

What sparked the (re)consideration in Congress was Malta, a predominantly Catholic country, voting in a referendum to legalize divorce. That leaves only the Philippines, apart from the Vatican, that still rejects it.

Pia Cayetano wants to go the route of Malta. It's time, she said, to expand the meaning of annulment, a thing that is allowed in the country. "Call it divorce, call it another animal, (but) there has to be some change because the reality is, (the lack of) it is one of the discriminatory practices we have (against women).

"Luz Ilagan puts it more trenchantly: "Let us not keep our country in the Dark Ages."

The usual suspects, the same people who believe contraceptives are the devil's invention, are unfazed. "Let's not get into the habit of copying what other countries are doing," says Tito Sotto. "Referendums are merely a political, not a moral exercise," said Archbishop Ramon Arguelles. "What is right or wrong is not dependent on how many voted for it," said Archbishop Emeritus Oscar Cruz.

Well, let me put it this way: You find another fellow to be wrong, you deserve a hearing. You find a second fellow to be wrong, you deserve a hearing. You find still a third fellow to be wrong, you still deserve a hearing. You find everybody to be wrong, you deserve dismissing. When you find everybody to be wrong, the problem is not everybody, it is you.

Referendums are political exercises, but they can also be moral ones. In the same way that elections are political exercises but they can also be moral ones. Certainly, someone cheating in them is a moral question. Certainly, someone stealing the vote is a moral question. Someone does that, you invoke God's wrath upon the cheater. Someone does that, you invoke hellfire upon the thief. Arguelles did not. He said, "Everybody cheats anyway." That is political. That is immoral.

I agree as well that morality cannot give way to

political expediency. But so only if you can defend what is moral on the strength of what is comprehensible, not on the strength of dogma, or "Basta, it is what God wants." It is the hardest thing in the world talking with someone who thinks his position comes from God. It does not produce a discussion, it produces a dead end. It doesn't make love, it makes war. That is so whether you are Christian, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, or whatever religion you subscribe to. Funda-

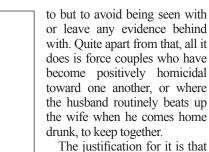
mentalism and dogmatism are the most destructive things on earth. The road to hell is paved with all the monstrosities fanatics claim God wants.

In the end, that is the most infuriating thing about this, that what is moral is defended only on the basis of some abstract and ex-cathedra principle about God wants and not on the basis of actual, observable, comprehensible human experience.

What is so moral about preventing divorce? Or for that matter what is so moral about banning contraceptives? All it does is spawn hypocrisy, quite apart from unwanted children, and if that is not the most immoral thing in the world, then I don't know what is.

In the case of RH, I'm perfectly willing to bet my life that if many of those opposing it really practiced what they preach, they would be in big trouble right now. Marital fidelity in this country being virtually nonexistent among the rich and powerful, particularly among public officials, appointive or elective, they'd have a horde of illegitimate children running around if they truly eschewed contraceptives. They would either be already dead right now from their spouses' wrath or turned into the walking wounded from having had their offending organs lopped off.

Just as well, in the case of divorce, or the lack of it, all it does is to legitimize keeping mistresses or lovers, the mistresses to have additional children with and the lovers to go for emergency purposes



There's The Rub

By CONRADO DE QUIROS

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"what God has put together, let

no man put asunder." But what

ficially frowning on premarital sex (but tolerating priestly one), and driving the youth to go to the whorehouse for the initiation (a veritable and venerable cultural tradition) and to get into marriage for more of heaven. Only to find—or give—hell.

Far more formidably, there's the utter hypocrisy of annulment being permitted while divorce is not. The hypocrisy does not just lie in separation being made available only to the rich—it costs a veritable fortune—it lies in the nature of the annulment itself.

To have your marriage annulled, you have to lie through your teeth. Annulment is premised on the idea that the marriage was never consummated physically or psychologically. The psychological part being that one of the couple was an out-andout bastard from the start and never gave the marriage a chance to work. A couple seeking annulment may not say that they loved each other once but the love turned to hate, or even less but that that they grew apart in time. That is not permissible. So they have to invent the most atrocious things about each other, which they can only hope their children, like everybody else including the judge, will just take with a grain of salt. A couple may not separate except under conditions of strife and spite. And deceit. Lots and lots of deceit.

That's what God wants?

Field trips

one are the days when students had to sleep overnight on campus to get the best time slots and professors for courses they had to take in a given term. Today enrollment is done online and, from Kuala Lumpur, I can see how fast the seats in my future class in Manila are being filled up.

This reminded me of a time I felt so sorry for students who endured the long lines and days it took to enroll in Diliman compared to three hours in Loyola Heights. A friend shrugged it off by saying the UP experience builds character.

In the Ateneo a computer-generated random number determines who gets a slot in my class. This system may be fair, but it denies someone, who really wanted to be in my class, the opportunity to be there because of a bad number.

I wonder why students shy away from teachers who give higher grades than I do. Why avoid teachers who are sane, more organized and do not lay down eccentric class rules like my favorite: canceling a student's highest test score. Before computing the final grades some teachers cancel the lowest grade to pull up the average—a concession to bad-hair days. In my case, I cancel the highest not to torment but to encourage students to maintain a decent average. For example, if a student has four Bs and one A, canceling the A won't matter as much as when I do the same to a student who has four Fs and one A. The system cancels out luck or what we call "tsamba."

Then there are the seemingly silly essay questions like: Describe the Battle of Mactan from the point of view of a fish. Naturally, this requires a lot of imagination, but more importantly reading the account of Antonio Pigafetta who was an eyewitness to Magellan's last moments.

One of the urban legends associated with me is that I gave an A to a student who filled his exam booklet with "glub-glub-glub"—neatly written on all four pages—concluded with one line saying, "I'm sorry, Sir, I don't understand fish language." It was

a good try, so I wrote a note on the exam booklet: "I don't understand fish language either. This looks very exciting and is worth a D. Come back with a translation and I will give you an A."

Once on the first day of class, a student asked, "Is it true that you once came to class in a pirate costume complete with a parrot?" I replied, "Of course not. I didn't come as a pirate, you silly girl, I came as the parrot!"

Such is the stuff that urban legends are made of, the stuff that has made "The Ambeth Ocampo Experience" part of an Ateneo education.

Summer vacation is over and students will have to learn on their own by visiting a number of museums around town. History can be a very boring, bookish subject if the student does not make an effort to make it relevant to life. I require my students to supplement their readings with these visits. When done in groups, such visits generate bonding because if they get bored, they can at least get bored together rather than individually.

First stop: Ayala Museum on Greenbelt. Many who know the mall like the back of their palms are surprised to find a museum right in the center of the commercial and business district. Go see the dioramas showcasing events in Philippine history, but save your energy for the top floor: oriental ceramics that show trading from the 9th to the 16th centuries, and pre-Spanish gold that makes us proud to know we literally had a "Golden Age." You leave wondering why we are so poor today.

Second stop: National Museum on Burgos Drive. The old legislative building is the National Gallery of Art, and if there are only two things to see there it will be Juan Luna's "Spoliarium" and Felix Resurreccion Hidalgo's "Murder of Bustamante." The



Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

jar, the Gold Oton face mask, the Bolinai skull with gold pegs implanted on the teeth, the remains of a balanghai. All these we learn about in school, but this is the place to see the real thing.

Aside from the historic Legislative Building, the National nearby the Finance Building that logy and anthropology exhibits.

sheer size and the treatment of

these bloody episodes are worth

the price of admission. In the

same building, too, are treasures

of Philippine archeology: the

Calatagan pot, the Manungul

Museum has nearby the Finance Building that houses archeology and anthropology exhibits. When the Department of Tourism finally moves out and turns the building over to the National Museum, we will have three buildings to visit.

Intramuros is a place where the teaching aids are larger than life. You can walk around the restored walls and ramparts before visiting four museums in the old Walled City. There is the San Agustin Museum that displays religion in the Spanish period. There is the Casa Manila complex that displays life in an upper-class home in the late 19th century, a house that often makes Kapitan Tiago's house in "Noli me tangere" real for many students. Then there is the Kaisa Museum of Chinese and Chinese life in the Philippines. Finally there is the Rizal Shrine in Fort Santiago.

You don't have to be a student to go on a field trip. You can join Carlos Celdran's tours of Intramuros. There are tours given by the Mabuhay Guides or the docents at Heroes Square.

Philippine history has never been as accessible, but then we are back to the proverb about bringing the horse to the riverbank and wondering how to get it to drink.

Comments are welcome in my Facebook Fan Page.

Samu't Sari



CLARISSA V. DAVID **CHAMBER RECEPTION**

Commander Gary Rogeness of the USS Cheyenne, the last of the Los Angeles-class, fast attacked submarine to be built, gestures as he expressed his appreciation to the Saipan community during the welcoming reception hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at Hard Rock Cafe on Wednesday night.



PARK CLEANUP

Park Ranger Susan Fishman-Tudor is flanked by officers and enlisted members of the USS Cheyenne right before they started their community

project, which involved the removal of invasive plant species at the American Memorial Park area, yesterday morning. The project was the first step in the Park's efforts to establish a natural filtration system using mangroves. See story on Page 5.



COURTESY VISIT

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The new director for the Transportation Security Administration office in the CNMI, Friend L. Walker, fourth from left, pays a courtesy visit to the members of the Legislature, led by House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), fifth from right, on Thursday.



PRIZE WINNER

Erlinda Sinaures, left, shows off the silver bracelet she won during the 2011 Man'amko King and Queen Fundraising Raffle at the Aging Center. Also in photo is Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chair Teresita Sorroza.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOU



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Birthday greetings going out to Sylvia Senda Cabrera who is celebrating her birthday today. God bless and may you have many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from all your families.



сонтвівител рното Нарру birthday to EJ Tereyama Deleon Guererro, who turns 1 year old today, June 4, 2011! May you have many more wonderful years and blessing from the Lord to come. Greetings come from the Tereyama family.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Happy birthday to Her Royal Highness Theresa Marie Attao Toves, who is celebrating her 9th birthday today, June 4! And congratulations on your first holy communion! Warm greetings come from your parents, Mark and Catherine; your brothers Joseph Joshua, Markel Deion, Merrick Vicente and Markus Joaquin; and the rest of your Chalan Piao family!



Advanced happy birthday to Andrea Grace Manese! Whatever you ask, may you receive; whatever you seek, may you find; whatever you wish, may it be fulfilled on your birthday and always. God bless! Greetings come from your family and friends!



сонтявитер рното Advanced happy 5th birthday greetings to Angelo Ray Valencia! May you have many more birthdays to come. Good health and God bless! Greetings come from your family and friends!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Birthday greetings go out to Ana C. Celis who is celebrating her birthday today. God bless and many more to come! Greetings come from all your grandchildren.

YoungStyle

Pa. girl aces 'cymotrichous' to win Spelling Bee By JOSEPH WHITE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

XON HILL, Md. (AP)—It went on and on and on. Five spellers who seemingly had memorized the entire dictionary simply could not be stumped with any word tossed their way. It was getting late, way past bedtime and well beyond the time slot allotted by ESPN for its telecast.

Finally, after 21 consecutive spellings without a miss, one of them finally flubbed a word. Eventually, the others were gone—having heard the telltale bell of elimination-except for 14-year-old eighth grader Sukanya Roy of South Abington Township, Pa., who took home the trophy and the more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes Thursday at the 84th Scripps National

"I went through the dictionary once or twice," said Sukanya, who tied for 12th in 2009 and 20th in 2010, "and I guess some of the words really stuck."

Sukanya's winning word was "cymotrichous," which relates to wavy hair. She likes hiking, rock climbing and ice skating, wants to travel and perhaps pursue a career in international relations. She is the fourth consecutive Indian-American to win the bee and the ninth in the last 13 years, a run that began when Nupur Lala captured the crown in 1999 and was later featured in the documentary "Spellbound."

'They look up to that. But I don't know how that impacted her," said Sukanya's farther, Abhijit Roy. "This is not something we pressurized her to do. She wanted to do this by herself, and we basically just helped her along. It's a few years; this didn't happened overnight."

Laura Newcombe of Toronto was the runner-up. The 12-year-old was try"sorites," her look of concentration turning suddenly to a sad one when she realized she'd misspelled it. Canadians have been a strong presence at the competition for many years and have had several close calls, with Nate Gartke of Alberta also finishing second in 2007.

"I was proud, happy and felt this was a privilege" to represent Canada,

Thirteen spellers made the finals, an ever-growing chic-to-be-geek event that was broadcast in prime time for the sixth consecutive year. It was held at the National Harbor complex along the Potomac River, south of Washington.

Only one speller misfired in his first attempt in the finals: Samuel Estep of Berryville, Va., who couldn't handle "bondieuserie" and made the slow walk across the stage to receive a hug from his father.

The rounds kept getting tougher. Sriram Hathwar of Painted Post, N.Y., warmed everyone's hearts by greeting the audience with a "good evening" every time he stepped to the microphone, but he was ousted by the word "polatouche." Another Canadian, Veronica Penny, couldn't handle "rougeot" and made a ballerina-type wave as she walked away.

But then it came down to a final five that wouldn't give up. Sukanya, Laura,

everything—from "abhinaya" to "capoeira" to "cheongsam" to "opodeldoc"—through Rounds 11, 12, 13, 14 and into 15.

"I thought the five spellers were going to be staying on stage for an eternity," Arvind said.

"I was, like, what if they could declare five-way, co-champions?" Joanna said. "I just didn't want to be the first one to break the streak."

When Dakota finally misspelled "zanja" to end the remarkable run, he received a standing ovation. The remaining spellers got eight in a row before Arvind missed on "Jugendstil," which he initially and hilariously pronounced "You could steal." He also got a standing ovation and gave the crowd a salute. Everyone stood again for Joanna when she missed "galoubet."

The two left standing were Sukanya and Laura. "Tired yet?" Laura asked the judges at one point.

But Sukanya couldn't be beat. She said she knew every word that was given to her-never having to guess-the result of her months of going through the dictionary twice from start to finish.

One of the new twists at this year's bee: Some semifinalists got to see ESPN's feature profiles of themselves on a big screen while they were airing on television. It might have seemed like a distraction, but

Dakota Jones of Las Vegas, Arvind it actually served to ease the tension. ing to become the first Canadian to win Mahankali of New York and Joanna Grace Remmer of St. Augustine, Fla., giggled during the semifinals as she Ye of Carlisle, Pa., combined to spell the bee, but she went out on the word WILKES-BARRE PENNSYLVANIA YORK, NEW YOR

Sukanya Roy, 14, from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., left, stands next to Sriram Jagadeesh Hathwar, 11, from Corning, N.Y., as he is hugged by his mother Roopha Hathwar, and brother Jairam Hathwar, 8, with speller Arvind V. Mahankali, 11, from New York City, after thirteen spellers were told that they had made it into the finals of the National Spelling Bee, Thursday, June 2, 2011, in Oxon Hill, Md.



watched herself enjoying Disney World-then calmed down and approached the microphone, where she correctly spelled "anaphylaxis."

The bee continued to exhibit a sense of humor in the sentences used by

Sukanya Roy, 14, of South Abington Township, Pa., holds the trophy after winning the National Spelling Bee, in Oxon Hill, Md. on Thursday, June 2, 2011. She won by spelling the winning word cymotrichous, which means wavy hair.



pronouncer Jacques Bailly. He used a "set of prison bars for the name Bernie Madoff" in his example for "brachygraphy" in the semifinals and later made a reference to the "The Jeffersons," a TV sitcom that went off the air some 10 years before the oldest of the spellers was born. In the finals there was the ice breaker: "The spellers' exsufflation at spelling the word correctly blew people's hair back in the front row."

The week began with 275 spellers. A written test Tuesday and two oral rounds Wednesday reduced the field for the semifinals.

The bee began the finals by remembering its first two champions. With Jeopardy uber-champion Ken Jennings and eight former winners in the house, the bee paid tribute to Frank Neuhauser and Pauline Bell, who both died in their 90s recently. Neuhauser won in 1925 with the word "gladiolus" and Bell won in 1926 with the "cerise." so bee officials placed an arrangement of cerise-colored gladioli at the base of the trophy pedestal onstage.

Kids' Krafts: Celebrate with patriotic pin

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Most people consider Memorial Day to be the unofficial start of summer. The coming Fourth of July marks midsummer.

To recognize the importance of July 4, kids can make patriotic pins, like this smiley face with an Uncle Sam hat

I wrote instructions for this craft using a photo and a list of supplies I found at http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/memorial-day/ kids-crafts/smiley-pins.html.

You can decorate it by covering a cardboard pattern with pieces of foam, or coloring it with crayons or markers. Also, you can draw your own hat or download a pattern for a patriotic hat online.

Supplies you will need:

- Craft foam in yellow, red, white and blue, or cravons or markers in those colors.
- Cardboard.
- 2 wiggle eyes.
- Fast-grab tacky glue.
- Scissors.
- Marking pen and pencil.
- Small star stickers.
- Pin back.

Draw a circle about 3 inches in diameter on a piece of cardboard by tracing around the lid from a marga-

Trace the circle onto a sheet of yellow foam and cut out, or color the circle yellow.

Draw a hat freehand, with a ruler or from a pattern downloaded from



This patriotic pin is a great way to wear your patriotism on Memorial Day.

Cover the top of the hat with stripes of red and white foam, or color the hat using crayons or markers. Make a blue hat band to place below the stripes but above the hat brim. Place star stickers on it.

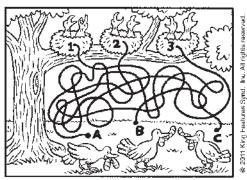
Glue a blue hat brim below the band. Glue the back of the hat to the top quarter-section of the circle.

Glue wiggle eyes to the circle, just below the brim.

Draw a smile on the circle with a black marker.

Glue a pin back to the back of the circle near the top and let dry.

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IT'S DINNERTIME! Can you guess which flight path each bird must take to get back to its nest?

below and form them into six numbers that,

when added together, will total 20.

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Answer: A-3, B-1, C-2,

A VERY TRICKY PROBLEM! The reader is invited to take the 12 digits shown



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PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word BANISTERS at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

- Found on staircases (given).
- 2. Your first bed.
- 3. A series of no-shows.
- 4. The most reasonable.
- 5. Important part of poker games.
- Afternoon socials.
- 7. Home for most of the world's animals.
- 8. Used after "same" or "such."
- 9. Abbreviation of "ampere."

Answers: 1. Bantaters. 2. Bassinet. 3. Absents. 5. Antes. 6. Ses. 7. Ses. 8. efinb.

IT'S TEATIME! Can you find the four five-letter words in the Word Square on the right that match the definitions below? All С words used must read the same both across and down. 1. A very old game. 2. An intuitive feeling. 0 A diplomatic messenger. 4. A tasty treat (given). CONE More bashful. Answers: 1. Chess. 2. Hunch. 3. Envoy. 4. Scone. 5. Shyer.

By Samantha Weaver

- It was British novelist and playwright Somerset Maugham who made the following sage observation: "I made up my mind long ago that life was too short to do anything for myself that I could pay others to do for me."
- You may not be surprised to learn that, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press, Americans hate math twice as much as any other subject.
- If you're planning a trip to Wisconsin this summer, be sure to stop in the town of Middleton. This is where you'll find the Mustard Museum, billed as "home to the world's largest collection of mustards and mustard memorabilia." The museum is the brainchild of Barry Levinson, a former assistant attorney general for the state of Wisconsin, who says that in October of 1986, after his favorite baseball team lost the World Series, he was wandering the aisles of a grocery store in the wee hours of the morning looking, as he puts it, for "the meaning of life." He says that as he passed the mustards he heard a voice saying, "If you collect us, they will come." And so he did. This summer is a good time to visit, since Aug. 6 is the 20th annual Mustard Day.
- Do animals grieve their own? Perhaps so —at least, some animals. When an elephant dies, other elephants in the herd will cover the body with leaves and branches and often will stay with the body for days.
- If you own a sport utility vehicle, beware: Statistics show that they roll over three times more often than other passenger cars.

Thought for the Day: "I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

-Groucho Marx

MAGIC MAZE

U.S. FOUR-STAR ARMY GENERALS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions -

forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.								
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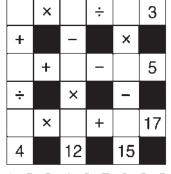
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by Linda Thistle **GO FIGURE!**

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: *** ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

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MAGIC MAZE ANSWER

GO FIGURE ANSWER

Best dog breeds for allergy sufferers

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: There are dogs that do not cause allergies because they have hair, not fur. My stepmother has one, and no one has a reaction to it. Here's a list of potentially hypoallergenic dog breeds:

- ■Basenji
- **■**Bedlington Terrier
- **■Bichon Frise**
- **■**Border Terrier
- **■**Chinese Crested

Hope this helps!—Brooke S., Barre, Vt.

DEAR BROOKE: Thanks so much! This is good list to start from and represents a variety of different breeds.

For example, the Chinese Crested is considered a toy dog, very smallframed like a Chihuahua, but with either a soft, straight double coat of hair or no hair at all, depending on the breed.

Meanwhile, the Bedlington Terrier is small to medium-sized with the classic curly Terrier coat. When kept groomed, this good-natured breed is less likely to set off allergies.

Grooming, even of supposedly hypoallergenic breeds, is a key to preventing allergic reaction. If you have allergies and are considering getting a dog, find out if its coat will need to be kept trimmed short in order to



lessen the amount of shedding.

Another interesting fact is that some people are actually allergic to a dog's saliva, not to its dander. This isn't always easy to discover, since petting a dog and getting licked by that dog tends to be a package deal.

People with allergies who still want a dog should do their research and, ideally, take the opportunity to get up close to one of these hypoallergenic breeds to see if their allergies stay under control.

Send your pet questions and tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www. pawscorner.com.

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Let kids' ideas germinate

usan Bell has chalked up plenty of memories in the past 37 years as a fourth-grade teacher. And they'll stay alive, thanks to the thoughtful cards and notes she has received through the years from parents and students. "There are special gifts that I'll never part with either, like a one-ofa-kind clay pot painted and signed by the kids in my 2004 classroom," says this 59-year-old former Minnesota State Teacher of the Year Finalist, who's retiring this year.

"When I plant flowers in it every spring, the whimsical yellow ruler design circling the outside rim reminds me how the thoughtful gift keeps on

growing, just like the kids," she said. "And it means a lot that the gift idea was a group project, created by the students."

Her comment got me thinking about the importance of stepping back once in a

while and letting kids take the lead. I remember a day a few years ago when I was checking off a routine to-do list and noticed my daughter's writing at the bottom: "Pick up flower bouquet for Latin teacher." Her eighth-grade classmates had collected \$16 for a group end-of-the-year thank-you gift for Mrs. Vitt.

What a nice idea, I thought to myself. Anyone who can motivate 14-yearolds to stick with a dead language for nine months deserves an accolade.

En route to the florist, we got sidetracked and stopped at a garden center, where a \$3.99 geranium pot caught my daughter's eve. Within minutes, our cart was blooming with pink, red and white geraniums, a big clay pot and a sack of soil. An idea was germinating.

She dumped her plastic bag of coins at the cash-register counter and covered the bill to the penny.



by Donna Erickson

We hurried home, where she painted the pot with bright acrylic paints and wrote the date in giant Roman numerals with paint pens, leaving enough room for classmates to sign their Latin names. And then she potted the flowers together.

As I watched my daughter in action that day, I internalized the importance of parenting on the sidelines once in a while. If we are patient and don't try to do everything our way, we present the opportunity for

children to learn new skills and grow in confidence.

So, when you're plowing through errands and chores during the more relaxed summer months ahead, let the kids sidetrack you once in a while. One thing might lead to another, and whammo! An idea is born.

It may be a little thing, but another memory is in the making, and you will have shared it with your children.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasdav.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

At 81, Plummer still relishing the actor's life

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NEW YORK (AP)—Ewan Mc-Gregor was having a hard time keeping up with Christopher Plummer.

At the suggestion of director Mike Mills, McGregor had brought his 81-year-old co-star to Barney's in Los Angeles to pick up a scarf for Plummer's elderly gay character in their film "Beginners." But Plummer had other designs.

"Christopher only wanted to get skinny black jeans," recalls McGregor. "That was his main goal in life. When we got there, he asked where the jeans department was, and off he went to find skinny jeans."

That one of the finest living interpreters of Shakespeare and one of the few remaining greats of classical acting was hell-bent on procuring a hipster staple might seem odd. But then again, Plummer has seldom acceded to the stereotypes of old age.

"I'm glad (my ambition) is still there," he says in a recent interview. "If it faded, what's there to live for? It makes you appreciate other things if you keep working at your job and you love your job. Too many people in the world are unhappy with their lot. And then they retire and they become vegetables. I think retirement in any profession is death, so I'm determined to keep crackin'."

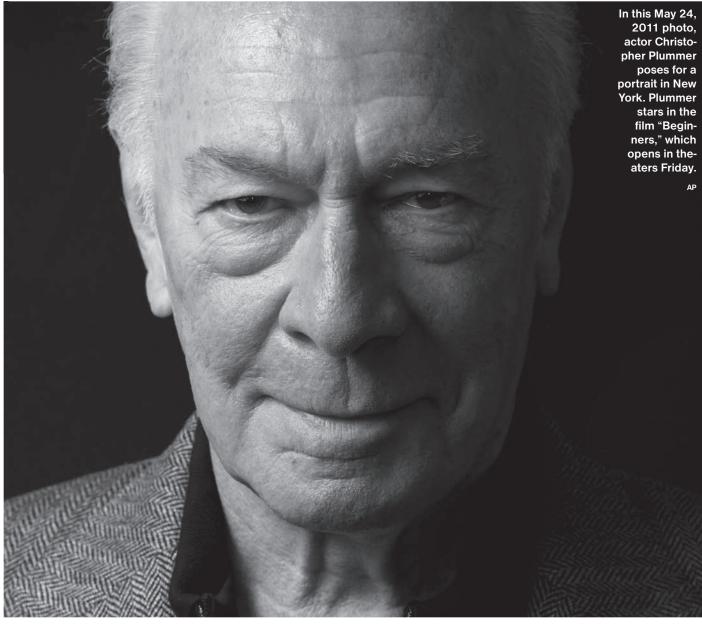
Plummer's remarkable late period began with his acclaimed performance as Mike Wallace in Michael Mann's 1999 film "The Insider," continued in films such as 2009's "The Last Station" (his performance as a fiery yet deteriorating Tolstoy was nominated for an Oscar) and perhaps culminated with his staggering "King Lear" at Lincoln Center in 2004.

"Beginners," Plummer gives yet another career-capping performance. He plays Hal, a 75-year-old who comes out of the closet after his longtime wife dies, and shortly before terminal cancer sets in. McGregor stars as his son in a film largely based on Mills' own family.

The role suits Plummer particularly well because Hal, like Plummer, is randy, funny and undimmed.

"The wonderful thing about Hal is that he has such a ball at the end of his life," says Plummer. "It was a charming script, I thought, and so lacking in sentimentality and self-pity. ... Usually, when scripts like that come along, you have to work so hard to play against them because they're just so saccharine. And the writers and producers will tell you that's what the public

wants. Blow it out your bum!" Plummer long chaffed at less



dynamic roles, none more than his most famous part: Capt. Von Trapp in "The Sound of Music." In his rollicking 2008 memoir, "In Spite of Myself," he surveys a life begun amid Montreal privilege, carried through boozy 1950s New York and swinging 1960s London, and ultimately spent in reverence of, as he says, "the Thee-ah-tah." He also

refers to "The Sound of Music" as "S&M" and laments the "humorless and one-dimensional"

"We tried so hard to put humor into it," he says. "It was almost impossible. It was just agony to try to make that guy not a cardboard figure."

The role catapulted Plummer to stardom, but he never took to leading men parts.

"I hated playing them," he says. "They were so innocuously and badly written and cardboard figures, most of them. In my 40s, I began to suddenly enjoy making movies because the character parts are so much more interesting. I started having a ball and working with much better directors—John

Huston, for example, and Anatole Litvak from the old school. After Michael Mann's 'The Insider,' then the scripts improved. I was upgraded! Since then, they've been first-class scripts. Not all successful, but worth doing.'

All the while, though, Plummer returned to the stage. The Canadian-born actor has

Q: Are you a romantic in

A: I've always been inter-

ested in romance. As a child,

romantic the better. I love ro-

mance as a premise and an

idea for a story. To explore it

is fascinating because I think

falling in love is a wonderful,

real life?

performed most of the major Shakespeare roles (among them Hamlet, Macbeth, Henry V and Iago), often at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Canada. Plummer, who lives with his wife of 41 years, Elaine Taylor, in Weston, Connecticut, last year played Prospero in "The Tempest" at Stratford.

"I've become simpler and simpler with playing Shakespeare," he says. "I'm not as extravagant as I used to be. I don't listen to my voice so much anymore. All the pitfalls of playing the classics — you can fall in love with yourself."

"I'm determined to finish playing all the great parts," says Plummer. "I think I have, actually."

Actors who have recently worked with Plummer speak of his unceasing joy in his work and his commitment to still growing as an actor.

"That was the surprising thing about Christopher, just how contemporary he is as an actor, how modern it feels when you're working with him," says McGregor. "Acting was very different and it's evolved. But what's very clear is that so has Christopher's acting. He gives an amazing performance in this film, but ... we were never aware of his performance. It just felt like I was in a scene with my dad."

Mills, whose only previous feature was 2005's "Thumbsucker," calls Plummer "a bit of a rascal, in the best sense of the word."

"It's really contagious being around a 79-year-old man (during filming two years ago) that loves what he's doing and isn't taking it for granted," says Mills. "There's something really magical and special about that. Ewan and I both talked about that a lot, like, 'Wow, I want to be like that."

Plummer has been working at a pace of about three films and a play every year. He co-stars in the highly anticipated "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," due out later this year, and is currently prepping roles in two films and one play (though he declines to name them).

He says he relishes finding "new ways of simplifying things," and is enjoying acting more than ever.

"It's cliche, but you know that you have to," he says. "You appreciate life much more because there's so little of it left. I must say there's a sort of panic, too, that takes over when you hit 80. Am I going to be able to do all the things that I want to do, starting now? "Rather like Hal, in that respect, that he starts his life when it's too late. But never too late because even five minutes is glorious."

Q&A with 'Beginners' star Ewan McGregor pened to be.

By RICK BENTLEY

SAN FRANCISCO—Ewan McGregor has put together a diverse acting resume ranging from the mind-twisting "Trainspotting" to the animated "Robots." He's also appeared in box-office successes like the "Star Wars" prequels and starred in many films that deal with love, including "Moulin Rouge," "Down With Love," "I Love You Phillip Morris," "Big Fish" and his latest, "Beginners."

We talked to the Scottish actor about love and movies.

Q: "Beginners" is an honest look at love. Was that the appeal for you?

A: Yes. I think so. I've always enjoyed exploring romance because I think it's one of the biggest emotional and physical experiences that we go through as human beings. The other one is dealing with grief and death. And this script looks at both of those things.

Q: How was it working with **Melanie Laurent as your love** interest?

A: It was all fantastic because she is such a life force. She's such an extraordinary actress.

Q: Is this more a story of boy-meets-girl or a father-son relationship?

A: Originally, I thought that it was a love story and that we go back to this other story about the father. But it's being talked about the other way around. It's being regarded more as a story about a father and son with a love story. I read it the other way to begin with.

Q: Speaking of reading scripts, how do you decide what movie to do next?

A: I am very uncomplicated

about my choices. It's really about stories and what grabs me—like the feeling of reading a really good book and you don't want it to end. If I have that sensation when I'm read- I loved watching old blacking a script, and I start to see and-white movies. The more myself in the part, then I'll really want to do it. I'm no more complicated than that. I never try to think about the scale of it, therefore I've been lucky enough to be making small independent films and big studio pictures.

Q: What's the appeal of small independent films?

A: It's becoming more and more the norm to be more bythe-numbers for filmmakers on big-budget movies. That makes it hard on an actor. But with movies like this one, it felt like we played and lived the scenes and they were picked up by the camera wherever they hap-

wonderful thing. I've been less interested in exploring it through romantic comedies, which seems to be the more popular way to do it.

Q: Do you act differently depending on the film?

A: I've never changed the way I go about acting, whether it's a big film, small film, studio film, independent film. It's always the same job whether you're on stage or in front of cameras.

Rihanna defends video, says victims need a voice

NEW YORK (AP)—Rihanna is defending her latest music video, which opens with a man being shot in the head.

"Man Down," which premiered Tuesday on BET, is a song about a girl who shoots her lover in public. The video also portrays sexual assault.

On Tuesday, the Parents Television Council called the clip "disturbing" and asked BET to stop airing it.

But on Thursday's "106 & Park," BET's music video countdown show, Rihanna

Lindsay Lohan's monitoring bracelet malfunctions

LOS ANGELES (AP)-Lindsay Lohan's attorney says the actress's electronic monitoring bracelet has been replaced after a malfunction.

Attorney Shawn Holley said Thursday that Lohan's electronic monitoring system went off on Monday.

Holley says a representative from the monitoring company went to Lohan's house in Venice and found her at home. The bracelet was replaced the next day.

Lohan was arrested twice for driving under the influence in 2007, and remains on probation for offenses. She is serving about 35 days of house arrest for violating her probation by taking a necklace without permission.

Dave Leone, bureau chief of adult services for Los Angeles County's probation department, says private companies sometimes contract with the county to oversee electronic monitoring. He did not comment on Lohan's case.

Jimmy Fallon is new face, voice of studio tour

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)-Jimmy Fallon has written a love song to the Universal Studios Tour.

Fallon wrote the tune, titled "Tram-tastic," as part of his role as the tour's new face and voice. Besides the song, the NBC latenight host created a series of video commentaries for the attraction.

Fallon, who describes himself as a big fan of the Universal tour, visited the studio Thursday with guitar in hand to perform his new song.

The Universal Studios Tour gives those dreaming of a show business career an "awesome" opportunity to peek inside backlot life, he said.

Fallon said his goal is to add more fun and visitor participation to the tour.

NBC and Universal Studios are part of NBC Universal.

said the video is "art with a message."

"We just wanted to hone in on a very serious matter that people are afraid to address, especially if you've been victimized in this scenario," Rihanna said.

BET says it will continue to play the video, explaining that the network "has a comprehensive set of standards and guidelines that are applied to all of our content" and that Rihanna's video "complied with these guidelines and was approved for air"

MTV hasn't played the video yet. A MTV representative said they're "in the process of reviewing the video."

Rihanna, who was attacked by then-boyfriend Chris Brown in February 2009, says she doesn't agree with violence.

Brown attacked Rihanna on the eve of the Grammys two years ago. He pleaded guilty to a felony and was sentenced to five years' probation.

"I've been abused in the past



and you don't see me running around killing people in my spare time," she said.

But the 23-year-old says rape happens too often and those victims need a voice.

"If I can be a voice for so many that aren't heard, then I win went unreturned Thursday.

Rihanna performs on the NBC "Totelevision program, in New York's Rockefeller Center, Friday, May 27, 2011.

twice," she said.

The Down" clip was directed by Anthony Mandler, who has directed other Rihanna videos.

winner says she didn't intend to make a controversial music video. She was

The Grammy

hoping to display her acting skills and create "something raw and artistic."

The video for "Man Down" has not yet appeared on iTunes. A rep for iTunes said that decision is up to the label.

An email seeking comment from Rihanna's record label

'Glee' star Jane Lynch chosen to host Emmy Awards



NEW YORK (AP)—Get out the megaphone: "Glee" star Jane Lynch will be hosting the Emmy Awards.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced Thursday that Lynch will host "The 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards" honoring excellence in prime-time TV. The ceremony will be held at Los Angeles' Nokia Theatre and will air Sept. 18 on Fox.

Lynch stars as a megaphone-wielding cheerleading coach who bullies students on the hit Fox series about a high school glee club.

The actress says she's "tickled pink" to be chosen as Emmy host. The awards show will be executive produced by Mark Burnett of "Survivor" and "Celebrity Apprentice" fame.

The 50-year-old Lynch has won an Emmy and a Golden Globe for her performance as Sue Sylvester on "Glee."

In this Jan. 30, 2011 file photo, actress Jane Lynch arrives at the 17th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles.

IBM's Watson named 'person' of the year by Webbys

NEW YORK (AP)—The "Jeopardy"-playing IBM computer Watson has been named person of the year by the Webby Awards.

The Webbys, which honor Internet achievement, announced their special honorees Thursday.

The recently disbanded rock group LCD Soundsystem was chosen artist of the year. The band presented their final concert at Madison Square Garden in a live webcast in April.

"It Gets Better Project" founder Dan Savage will be honored for special achievement. Savage's online video campaign has urged young people to stand up to bullying against lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender teens.

Director Adam McKay and Chris Henchy, co-founders of the comedy website Funny or Die, will be honored as film



In this file photo of Jan. 13, 2011, "Jeopardy!" champions Ken Jennings, left, and Brad Rutter, right, look on as the IBM computer called "Watson" beats them to the buzzer to answer a question during a practice round of the "Jeopardy!" quiz show in Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

and video person of the year. In the earlier-announced Webby winners, Funny or Die led with a total of nine awards.

Martin Cooper, a former Motorola executive who's considered the father of the mobile phone, will be given a Webby

for lifetime achievement.

The 15th annual Webby Awards ceremony is June 13, hosted by Lisa Kudrow. The show will stream live on numerous outlets, including via Facebook, the Huffington Post and Funny or Die.

Insecure middle-schooler is her own harshest critic

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I'm in middle school. I have had a few boyfriends since I started here. I try my best to look OK each day, but I always find a flaw in the way I look or act. Sometimes I find it hard to trust guys when they tell me I'm pretty. I have low self-esteem, so it's hard for me to believe them. Can you please help me learn to trust people and be comfortable with my body?



AWKWARD IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR AWKWARD: If it's any comfort, 99 percent of girls your age feel the same way you do. Your body is still a work in progress because you're not finished developing yet. Believe it or not, no one is as preoccupied with your looks and perceived "flaws" as YOU are, so please try to be a little kinder to yourself and less critical.

There is truth to the old saying, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." By that I mean—if people tell you you're attractive, that is the way you appear to them. So just smile and say, "Thank you for saying that." Accept the compliment, but don't rely on it to gauge your self-worth. Concentrate on developing your personality and your mind, and you'll be on a path to success in everything you do.

DEAR ABBY: My son is in the process of being divorced from his wife after only four short years. Before they married, I gave him an engagement ring and wedding band that had been in our family for years. Now that they are divorcing, I'd like to have him get the rings back.

Is this an acceptable request?

HURTING MOTHER IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING MOTHER: Engagement rings and wedding rings are gifts that are given with the promise of marriage. The heirloom rings are now the property of your soon-to-be-ex-daughter-in-law. Depending upon your relationship with her, you could ask for them back or offer to buy them from her. She may be more receptive to the offer if she hears it from you rather than your son. However, they are hers to keep or dispose of as she wishes.

DEAR ABBY: My husband lost his job in November. Since the holidays, none of our friends has asked us to go out again. I don't know if they feel bad about talking about their work or if they think we can't afford it, but I'm really lonely.

We've invited friends a few times, but I get weary of making all the effort. A night out laughing with friends would be nice; so would being remembered. What should we do?

LONELY HEART CLUB

DEAR LONELY: Your friends may be uncomfortable for the reasons you mentioned, or feel guilty because they are not experiencing the struggle that you are. Of course, the answer is to keep reaching out. But I will add this: The time for people to step forward and be supportive is when someone they care about NEEDS it. That's what true friendship is all about. And with the rate of unemployment in this country what it is today— "do unto others ..."

DEAR ABBY: What is the protocol when someone is asking to see his mother's will while she is still in good health?

PONDERING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PONDERING: The two most difficult subjects to discuss are death and money, both of which come into play when the topic of wills comes up. A wise and compassionate parent will discuss this with her (or his) children so there won't be any surprises when the eventual happens.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Ange-

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Russell Brand, 36; Angelina Jolie, 36; Noah Wyle, 40; Michelle Phillips, 67

Happy Birthday: Revisit old ideas and goals. You'll have a chance to follow through with the people and projects you enjoy the most or that can bring you the highest rewards. Never turn down an opportunity and don't underestimate your ability. You'll figure it out as you go along. Your numbers are 3, 6, 13, 25, 31, 34, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take action,

make changes and go after your goals. Don't let an emotional incident stop you from getting ahead. Put things in perspective and realize what's in your best interest. An unusual opportunity must be taken advantage of. OO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Getting involved in a worthy cause or fighting for community rights will give you a sense of belonging and bring you friendships with people who share your concerns. You will learn a lot from the response you receive from friends, relatives and neighbors. Romance is in the stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not everyone will be upfront with you regarding background or financial status. Don't base your decisions on what you are told but rather on what you can afford and what you want. Don't give in to someone who wants to make changes not in your best interests. ���

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will be difficult to control if someone tries to make changes that will affect your life or your position. Try not to overreact.

Remain calm and figure out the best plan. A leadership position is within reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stubbornness will be the enemy. Give and take is the to work as a team player will say volumes about you as a person and a leader. A change of attitude and updating your image will help you gain popularity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more emphasis on what you can do for others. Forget about your professional goals and work on yourself, as a person and a contributor to your community. Greater opportunities will

(a) a lot from the people you encounter and the places you visit. Communication, research and taking part in a cultural event will open your eyes to new possibilities. You'll be surprised at how easy it is to change course. ••

be drifting and daydreaming. Make the most of your state of mind by creating a plan that can buy you the freedom you want and need. An opportunity will present itself through a very unlikely source. Change locations if it will help you reach your dreams, hopes and wishes.

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past can help you now. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Please your family by expressing your feelings

THE LAST WORD

and emotions openly and taking suggestions to heart. Your willingness to give back will put you in good standing and help you build a solid base. Love is highlighted. •••

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be led astray by someone who doesn't have your best interest at heart. Make changes to your home and your living arrangements that will stabilize your life financially, medically and emotionally. OOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A smooth talker will capture your attention. Don't trust anyone who promises the impossible. Avoid falling into an unwise scam. Love is on

the rise, so focus on personal plans. Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring, disciplined, engaging and perceptive. You aren't afraid to change your direction.

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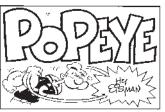
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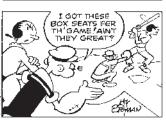












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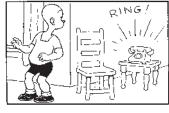
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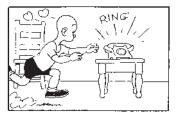






















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Nowitzki rallies Mavs to win that ties finals



Any pain in Dirk Nowitzki's left hand wouldn't have hurt nearly

as much as a 2-0 deficit.

So he put the ball there—torn-up finger and all—and hoisted the shot that gave the Dallas Mavericks new life in the NBA finals.

Nowitzki shook off an injury to his non-shooting hand and made the tiebreaking layup with 3.6 seconds left, and the Mavericks roared back from 15 points down in the fourth quarter to stun the Miami Heat 95-93 on Thursday night and tie the series at one game apiece.

"You can just sense it in us that we weren't going to give up, we were going to be resilient," Dallas guard Jason Terry said.

Capping a furious rally by scoring Dallas' final nine points, Nowitzki made two late baskets left-handeddespite a torn tendon on his middle finger. He finished with 24 points, saying the finger felt fine.

"Definitely a huge comeback for us and we never gave up, and that was big," Nowitzki said.

Nowitzki was hurt in Game 1 when he slapped at the ball trying to make a steal from Chris Bosh. He fiddled with various braces and splints over the last two days before settling on a small one that sat lower on the finger and allowed him to keep a good feel of the ball.

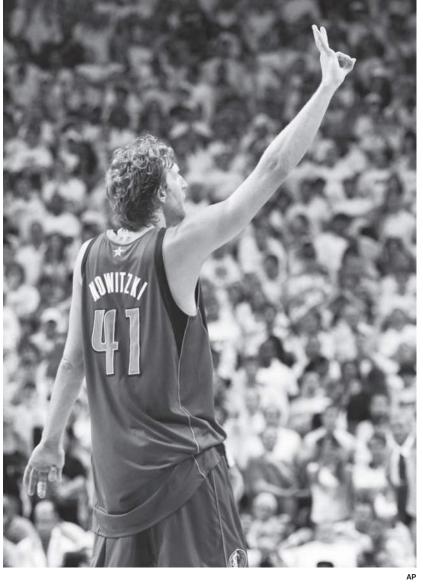
Dwyane Wade had 36 points for Miami, but his desperation 3-pointer was off at the buzzer.

Game 3 is Sunday in Dallas.

Seemingly out of the game when the Heat led 88-73 with 7:15 remaining, Dallas held the Heat to just one field goal from there, a 3-pointer by Mario Chalmers with 24.5 seconds that tied it just 2 seconds after Nowitzki's 3 had made it 93-90.

But after a timeout, Jason Kidd ran the clock down before getting the ball to Nowitzki, who drove into the lane, spun back to the left and made the layup.

"We're a veteran team and we don't get too high with the highs and too low



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) signals after scoring a three-pointer against the Miami Heat during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals basketball game Thursday, June 2, 2011, in Miami. The

with the lows," Nowitzki said.

Terry, largely silent since the first half of Game 1, fueled the comeback with a couple of jumpers and finished with 16 points. Shawn Marion had 20 points for the Mavericks, who had lost four straight finals games in Miami since taking a 2-0 lead in the 2006 series.

They were about to go down 2-0 this time before Nowitzki, who insisted his injured finger wouldn't hinder him, led a rally even more amazing than the one that won Game 4 of the Western Conference finals, when the Mavs trailed Okla-

homa City by 15 in the fourth quarter before pulling it out in overtime.

"Just a different series, but we always believe we can come back regardless of the score," Marion said. "The game is over when the final buzzer rings."

LeBron James scored 20 points for the Heat.

He and Wade were running by and over the older Mavs for three quarters, and it appeared the only thing that could slow them down was that big trophy they would soon be holding.

Not so fast.

Wade angered the Mavs, particularly Terry, when he held his follow through after his 3-pointer from the corner with 7:15 left capped a 13-0 run and made it 88-73. Though the Mavs said they were bothered by the Heat's actions, James and Wade-who have already endured plenty of criticism for premature partying—denied that was the case this time.

"There was no celebration at all," James said. "I was excited about the fact that he hit a big shot and we went

The Heat suddenly went cold, holding the ball too long on possessions and forcing James and Wade to attempt long jumpers with the shot clock winding down, instead of playing to their strengths and driving into the lane.

"We just didn't execute down the stretch," Bosh said. "There's no shock. There's disappointment. But the reality is the reality. We might as well get used to it and focus on the next one.'

A series of those missed jumpers eventually ended with the Mavs getting possession, and Nowitzki making a layup that tied it at 90 with 57 seconds to play.

The Heat lost for the first time in 10 games at home in the playoffs and will have to win at least once in Dallas to force the series back here.

"That's about as tough a fourth quarter as you can have," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "When it started to slide, it just kept on going."

The Heat held the Mavs, whose offense was so precise in their victories over the Lakers and Oklahoma City, to one of their worst performances of the postseason in Game 1. Yet Miami didn't expect to shut down Dallas the way it did Boston and Chicago in the last two rounds, with Spoelstra saying before the game the Mavs would "hit back."

But Miami weathered the early storm and appeared to have nothing to worry about in the second half.

A 29-10 burst spanning halftime showed off the Heat at their athletic best: A dunk by James, a dunk by Wade, and a long alley-oop pass from Wade to James on the fast break that turned a 51-all halftime tie into a 57-52 lead.

And just when Dallas got it down to four late in the period, James drove right for a powerful slam that left Tyson Chandler throwing his hands up in the air as if to say "How do we stop that?" Eventually they did.

And they turned the tables on the Heat, who pulled off a stunning comeback of their own to spark the turnaround in the 2006 series. Dallas had a double-digit lead midway through the fourth quarter of Game 3 of that one, Wade brought Miami back, and the Heat never looked back.

Considering he has more help now with James and Bosh, the Heat's inability to put this one away is even more

"We didn't play the way that we normally play, so they deserved it and we didn't," Wade said.

The focus was back on the Heat's stars in a finals where some attention during Wednesday's off day was diverted to a former Heat player when Shaquille O'Neal, the center on their 2006 team who announced on a Twitter video he was retiring from the NBA. Also a teammate of James in Cleveland, O'Neal posted another video Thursday encouraging the duo to "go get that ring."

The Heat played a video tribute showing some of O'Neal's highlights in Miami during a first-quarter timeout and received nice applause, but not a standing ovation.

The offenses showed up for this one after neither team found a flow in the opener. Mike Bibby quickly got in the act with two 3-pointers for the Heat after he and fellow starter Joel Anthony were scoreless in Game 1 and it was tied at 28 after one.

It got heated late in the half and Miami appeared set to lose its cool, with Mike Miller called for a technical but Wade spared one, when after appearing to be fouled by Chandler on a layup attempt, he bumped Chandler while trying to get at the referee to protest.

Yet down nine and with James on the bench with three fouls, the Heat held the Mavs scoreless the final 3 minutes and tied it at 51 on Wade's 3-pointer with 25 seconds to go.

McIlroy gets back into the hunt in America



DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—Rory McIlroy only gets to play three regular PGA Tour events this year. Nationwide He showed Thurs-Insurance day why the Memo-

rial Tournament was one of them. On a Muirfield Village course that already ranks among his favorites, McIlroy had a birdie putt on his last eight holes and converted half of them on his way to a 6-under 66 to join Chris

Riley in the lead after the first round. McIlroy hit the ball so pure that he shot 32 on the front nine despite missing three birdie putts inside 8 feet.

"A great way to start the tournament," McIlroy said.

The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland narrowly made the cut at Wentworth in the BMW PGA Championship and wound up in a tie for 24th. Asked the difference between last week and this week, he replied,

"It's about 30 degrees warmer."

A tournament known for its sloppy weather has been spectacular, and it showed in the scoring on a well-manicured course.

Chris DiMarco and Josh Teater were at 67 followed by a large group at 68 that included Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Stewart Cink and Rickie Fowler, the runner-up at the Memorial last year.

Fifty-one players in the 120-man field broke par.

Luke Donald, in his debut as the No. 1 player in the world ranking, recovered from a slow start by making four straight birdies toward the end of his round for a 70. He played with Masters champion Charl Schwartzel and four-time major champion Phil Mickelson, who each had a 72. Mickelson did that without making a single birdie on the par 5s.

Riley was in the first group to play in the morning and relied heavily on his putter to take advantage of the smooth

greens, although scoring conditions were not much different in the afternoon.

"The less I think, the better I play," Riley said. "And today, I didn't have time to think. The pace of play was so good and I didn't stand around and think about shots. I just played golf."

This is the last tournament for McIlroy before the U.S. Open, a chance for the No. 6 player in the world to atone for his 80 in the final round that cost him a chance to win the Masters. That collapse hasn't stayed with him long. He was third the next week in Malaysia, and while he missed the cut while defending his title at Quail Hollow, he reached the quarterfinals of the World Match Play in Spain.

And now, the U.S. Open beckons along with a chance to win on another stronger course in America.

"This is one of my favorite weeks of the year, one of my favorite courses," McIlroy said. "I feel as if it really does set up well for me. I like these sort of

golf courses, the likes of here and Akron (Firestone) and Quail Hollow. And I'm swinging well, I'm hitting it good and I'm holing a few putts. Hopefully, I can keep it going for the next three days."

McIlroy likes to play the game through the air, the brand of golf most often seen in America.

But he doesn't get out as often.

By giving up his PGA Tour membership, he is allowed to play only 10 tournaments. That includes the four majors and three World Golf Championships, with The Players Championship not counting against his number-although McIlroy chose not to play this year.

And that's probably not going to change soon.

"Even if I did win, I still probably wouldn't take my card up," McIlroy said. "As a European and playing in some European events over the summer, like the French Open and the Irish Open, we have a very busy summer of golf. And I felt like after the PGA last year at Whistling Straits, I wanted to take a couple of weeks off just to refresh. You couldn't really do it. You had a week off and then straight to the (FedEx Cup) playoffs. It was a lot of golf over a short period of time."

There's a lot of golf left in this tournament, as McIlroy knows well. And there are plenty of players behind him.

Riley, Teater and DiMarco, who all played in the morning, are all ranked out of the top 250 in the world. Fowler is off to a slow start this year, but he looks right at home at the Memorial. Stricker has never had a top 10 at Muirfield Village in 11 tries, a strange statistic he would like to change. And then there's Johnson, who feels his game is about where it was last summer, when he nearly won two majors.

Donald has nine consecutive top 10s and is off to a solid start. For the 33-yearold from England, it felt slightly different from other tournaments, just because of the ranking attached to his name.

"It feels good," Donald said. "I'm excited to be there and looking forward to the challenges. I heard a few 'No. 1' shouts and stuff like that, so you feed off that."

Federer-Djokovic, Nadal-Murray in French semis

PARIS (AP)—Even Rafael Nadal acknowledges his French Open semifinal against Andy Murray is not nearly as intriguing as the one between unbeaten Novak Djokovic and 16-time Grand Slam champion Roger

"It's the best player of today against the best player in history. ... It's going to be a beautiful match," Nadal said. "I would watch it—if I was a spectator."

Sure, there's a lot on the line for the entire quartet of men

who'll be playing at Roland Garros on Friday, which one might expect, given that it's only the 12th time in the Open era, which dates

to 1968, that the top four seeded players reached the semifinals at any Grand Slam tournament.

Top-seeded Nadal, for example, is bidding to tie Bjorn Borg's record of six French Open championships. No. 4 Murray is dealing with an injured right ankle as he hopes to win his first Grand Slam title and give Britain its first male champion at a major tennis tournament since 1936.

No. 3 Federer, meanwhile, has gone more than 16 months without reaching a Grand Slam final, which doesn't sound too bad unless you consider it's the guy's longest gap since he won Wimbledon in 2003.

Lofty aims, certainly. But nothing compared to what No. 2 Djokovic is chasing:

-The 24-year-old Serb is 41-0 in 2011, and a win over Federer would allow Djokovic to tie John McEnroe's record for best start to a season in the Open era, 42-0 in 1984.

-Add in two victories for Serbia against France in the Davis Cup final in December,

and Djokovic's winning streak stands at 43 overall, three shy of Guillermo Vilas' mark of 46 in a row in 1977.

-Djokovic is seeking to reach his first final in Paris; if he were to win the title, he'd be the first man since Jim Courier in 1992 to win the Australian Open and French Open in the same year.

-If he beats Federer, Djokovic will be assured of rising to No. 1 in the ATP rankings for the first time, no matter what happens in the Nadal-Murray semifinal or

> in Sunday's championship match.

> "To be honest, I'm thinking about this tournament only. I definitely want to go

as far as I can in Roland Garros. And then, you know, if the No. 1 ranking comes this week, I'll be more than happy, definitely," Djokovic said. "But it's not something I'm thinking about."

In the women's final Saturday, No. 5 Francesca Schiavone of Italy, the defending champion, will face No. 6 Li Na of China. Li eliminated Maria Sharapova of Russia 6-4, 7-5 Thursday, while Schiavone beat Marion Bartoli of France 6-3, 6-3.

Djokovic has had plenty of idle time to ponder things: He hasn't played a match since winning in the fourth round Sunday.

He got a walkover in the quarterfinals when his opponent, Fabio Fognini of Italy, withdrew because of a left leg muscle injury.

"I'm sure, for Novak, it will be a little bit strange; five days off in the middle of a Grand Slam is very rare. He definitely wouldn't have been through it before. We were talking about it a little bit the last couple of days. Like, what would you actually do if you had five days during



Andy Murray of Britain clenches his fist as Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina misses a return in the quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Wednesday June 1, 2011.

a Grand Slam? Would you play some sets? Would you take it easy?" said Murray, a threetime major finalist. "I know he's played a lot of tennis, but he's got to be switched on from the start against Roger, because he's playing Roger."

Federer was the last player to beat Djokovic, back in November at the ATP World Tour Finals in London, and holds a 13-9 edge in their career series.

But Djokovic is 3-0 against Federer this season, all on hard

That includes Djokovic's win in the semifinals en route to his second Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January. Djokovic also beat Federer in the U.S. Open semifinals in September, saving two match points along the way.

Djokovic's winning streak is the talk of tennis at the moment. He's won all seven tournaments he's entered in 2011, beating Nadal in four of the finals; two on clay, at Madrid and Rome last month.

"He's not making a big fuss about it, which is a good thing for him," said Federer, who once won 41 consecutive matches. "Obviously a big question remains: 'How long can you keep it up?' ... It's just hard, day in and day out, to be asked the questions. 'How many more wins can you get?' You would just like to not talk about it. Just go out there and do it, over and over again."

Djokovic, who turned 24 on the first day of this tournament, is roundly praised by others for having become more mature, on the court and off.

The physical talent's been there for quite some time—his spectacular two-handed backhand, his as-good-as-anyone's return of serve and court coverage—but even Djokovic admits he only recently has managed to get his mind right.

"It's really a (demanding) sport. You have to travel and play so many matches on different surfaces, different continents, different countries. It really is a mental game," Djokovic said. "I'm still young. But I have a lot of experience, and I have been trying to learn every single day of my career. Now it's getting together."

And now it's Federer-owner of more Grand Slam singles titles than any man, including from the 2009 French Openwho finds himself in the role of potential spoiler.

"There's less at stake for me than for him," Federer said. "He's got a lot of things going."

Chavez has 4 hits as Rangers beat Indians



L A N D (AP)—Endy

Chavez had his ninth career four-hit game as the Texas Rangers overcame a three-run deficit to beat the Cleveland Indians 7-4 in the American League on Thursday.

Yorvit Torrealba drove in two runs and Nelson Cruz doubled twice to start threerun rallies to help the defending AL champion Rangers win for the fourth time in their last five road games.

Chavez, a Venezuelan lefthander, had a run-scoring triple and scored in a three-run sixth against Carlos Carrasco (4-3) that put Texas ahead 6-3.

Michael Kirkman (1-0) earned his first career win, allowing one run over three innings in his 18th career relief performance. Neftali Perez pitched the ninth for his 12th save in 15 chances.

Cleveland dropped to 19-7

CLEVE- at home and 20-7 when scoring first.

Mariners 8, Rays 2

In Seattle, rookie Carlos Peguero hit two of Seattle's seasonhigh four home runs and Mariners pitcher Felix Hernandez cruised through seven innings to get the win.

Peguero hit a homer in a five-run second inning, and had a solo shot in the fourth. Justin Smoak and Jack Cust also homered off James Shields (5-4), who allowed a season-high seven earned runs.

Hernandez (6-4) struck out 11 batters—his third time this season with 10 or more—and gave up five hits.

Twins 8, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Michael Cuddyer drove in two runs and Anthony Swarzak pitched six effective innings as Minnesota beat Kansas City to end a four-game losing streak.

Minnesota, 3-10 in its last 13 games, sent 10 batters to the plate in a six-run third inning.

Denard Span, Matt Tolbert and Rene Rivera had RBI singles and Cuddyer hit a runscoring double. Justin Morneau scored on a throwing error by Mike Aviles, and Rivera scored on a wild pitch.

Swarzak (1-2) limited the Royals to seven hits and two runs. Sean O'Sullivan (2-5) was the loser.

Mets 9, Pirates 8

In New York, Carlos Beltran's three-run homer started New York's rally from a seven-run deficit as the Mets pulled off their biggest comeback win in 11 years, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates.

After losing to the Pirates the night before—prompting a tirade from manager Terry Collins—the Mets found themselves in a 7-0 hole by the third inning.

Beltran homered in the bottom of the third, then hit a leadoff double in the sixth as the Mets scored four times to tie it at 7. Ruben Tejada hit a goahead sacrifice fly in the eighth and Beltran drew a bases-loaded walk later in the inning.

It was the Mets' biggest comeback victory since June 2000, that made it 10-3. when they rallied from an 8-1 deficit by scoring 10 times in the eighth to beat Atlanta 11-8.

Giants 12, Cardinals 7

At St. Louis, Aubrey Huff hit three home runs and matched his career best with six RBIs as San Francisco hammered a pair of rookie St. Louis pitchers making their MLB debuts to get the win.

Huff hit two-run homers in the fourth and ninth and a solo shot in the seventh. He also had an RBI single in the sixth.

Huff now has four homers and seven RBIs in his last two games after totaling four RBIs

the previous 16 games.

Freddy Sanchez added a homer and four RBIs to help San Francisco set a season high for runs.

Lance Lynn (0-1) needed 56 pitches to get through five innings, but retired only one of four hitters to start the Giants' three-run sixth. Mikail Cleto surrendered homers to Sanchez and Huff in a five-run seventh

Ionathan Sanchez (4-3) al lowed three runs in 5 1-3 innings, surviving a season-high six walks, for the Giants.

Nationals 6, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven solid innings and Wilson Ramos drove in three runs to lift Washington past Arizona.

The Nationals roughed up Arizona starter Zach Duke (1-1) in the first inning and had 13 hits to open an 11-game road trip with their first win in six tries away from home.

Zimmermann (3-6) won for

the first time in five starts and Drew Storen got four outs for his 11th save in 12 chances.

Arizona went hitless in eight at-bats with runners in scoring position.

Astros 7, Padres 4

At San Diego, Chris Johnson homered and Houston used a five-run third inning to beat sloppy San Diego in a matchup of the NL's two worst teams.

The Astros last in the NI Central division, have won the first four games of a sevengame road trip, their longest winning streak of the season. The Padres, last in the NL West, dropped to 9-21 at home, worst in the league.

Johnson homered to left on a 1-0 pitch from Tim Stauffer (1-4) in the fifth to give Houston a 7-2 lead.

Bud Norris (3-4) went sixplus innings, allowing four runs and six hits while striking out six and walking two.

Hunter Pence extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a third-inning single.

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Cincinnati	29	28	.509	31/2	
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THE MEMORIAL SCORES

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Matt Bettencourt	35-33	-68
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Ryan Moore	33-36	-69
Shaun Micheel	35-34	-69
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fael partnered with younger brother, Angelo, and the Jones siblings dominated the roundrobin event. The Jones brothers had a 3-0 record in the doubles. beating Aaron Lee and Seiya Eda, 6-1, 6-3; Chris Cajigan and Carl Dela Cruz, 6-2, 6-3; and Bob Kim and Chris Cepeda (walkover).

U12 best athlete award in the All Schools meet.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Ackerman was awarded the NMASA Female Student Athlete of the Month title after recording three victories in the 2011 PSS/ McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships last month. The Saipan Community School student finished first in the 800m (2:49.51), 1,500m (6:08.42), and 3,000m (13:39.58) races. Ackerman went on to win the girls

Two-way tie in Agingan division

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Tim Herron

Alex Pruah

Kris Blanks

Ryan Palmer Steve Marino

Bubba Watson

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Chez Reavie Jeff Overton

Scott Piercy

Thomas Aiken

Keegan Bradley

Carl Pettersson

Roland Thatcher

Bobby Gates

Seung-yul Noh

Spencer Levir

Mike Weir

Jin Jeong

Jim Furyk

Hunter Haas

Billy Mayfair

Jerry Kelly

Cameron Tringale

Trevor Immelman

Tommy Gainey

Fred Couples

Brett Quigley

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Kenny Perry

Matt Jones

Derek Lamely

Jhonattan Vegas

Bill Lunde

Todd Hamilton

Robert Karlssor

Brian Davis

Daniel Summerhays

Kyle Stanley

Charl Schwartzel

Blake Adams

K.J. Choi

Jonny's Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers fell

Docomo Hustlers at home and is now tied with sister team IT&E Incredibles in the Agingan Division of the Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

Hustlers defeated Voyagers, 4-3, even as Incredibles were gifted with a free seven-game jolt via forfeit by USSP Peleliu Club's Turtles (32-66) of the Obyan Division.

Both Agingan co-leaders now share identical 69-29 win-loss records.

Last-ranked Hustlers' card improved to 63-35, while Jonny's Home Boyz (66-32) is in third place after shutting out Obyan's Shark Attack (34-64), of Wild Bill's Bar & Grill, 7-0, at home.

D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Best Choice remains atop the six-team Obyan Division after downing sister team Pirates (27-71), 5-2, in a road match. Best Choice now holds an even 49-49 record.

USSP Fotten Palau, meanwhile, knocked off thirdranked VFW Post 3457's X-Tream (38-60), 5-2, at home to improve to 43-53.

Agingan notables include one-time 8-ball sinkers Home Boyz's Mario Diola, IT&E Voy-



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IT&E Incredibles is now tied with sister team IT&E Voyagers (inset) in the SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League Agingan Division with identical 69-29 records after Tuesday's matchups.

agers' Jojo Talibong and Docomo Hustlers' Rowel Mariano, while IT&E Voyagers' Rolly Villanueva ran the rack for the sixth time this season.

Obyan notables include onetime 8-ball sinkers Nong Detdon and Bill Limes of Shark Attack, X-Tream's George Lizardo and Fotten Palau's Ron Chisato,

along with X-tream's Chester Cuento who ran the rack a division-best two times this season; seven other players have ran the table once.

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Rangamar also reigned supreme in the shotput event, recording 9.59m and besting del Avellano's 9.14m and the 5.85m of teammate Reylynn Sapong.

Cultura Athletics' four other wins in field events were courtesy of Sylvan Rangamar, Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, Ron Olopai, and Rachel Abrams.

Abrams logged 1.35m in the long jump to beat John-

son (1.16m) and U15 Junior Nationals' Theodora Falson (1.10m), while Sylvan Rangamar won in the discuss (32.22m), surpassing nine other participants, including Olopai (30.31m/second best).

Olopai redeemed himself in the hammer throw, tallying 22.67m. Cultura Athletics had a 1-2-3 finish in the hammer throw, as Olopai's teammates, Brandon Wanket (21.43m) and Donivan Mendiola (20.10m), finished second and third, respectively.

Kabiriel competed in only one event and won the javelin throw with his 34.45m. He was the lone competitor to submit 30m-plus in the event, as his teammate and second placer Tanner Kenty only mustered 28.45m. Mendiola had another third place finish with his 26.19m.

Beo Ngirchongor gave Cultura Athletics its lone victory in running events, winning the 200m race with a time of 24.97

seconds. He defeated Guam Central's Carlvin Macaraeg (25.17 seconds), and teammates June Litulimar (28.15m) and Tony Ichiuo (34.69 seconds).

Meanwhile, other winners in the two-day event were MHS' Greg Duatin, who topped the boys high jump (1.74m) and Jim Lacsina, who ruled the 100m run (11.91 seconds). Jordan Tagabuel, who is not affiliated with any club, dominated the shotput with his 11.96m.

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- Trench Tech's Ryan "TTrobz" Ngirbabul (1-1) vs.
- 185-lb bout: ■ Spike 22 of Guam's Mike Taitano (3-0) vs. Saipan independent fighter Simon "Bad Boy"

Guam's Martin Pablo (2-0) in a

- Sebuu (2-1) in a 175-lb bout; ■ Predator Combat Team's "Tabi" Jay Muna (5-12) vs. Team Haga's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo (3-1) in a 125-lb bout;
- Trench Tech's Brad "Badd" Palacios (9-3) vs. Marianas Elite's Mai Tai "The Charger" Charley (3-7) in a 145-lb bout;

- Trench Tech's Josh "Chaos" Duenas (0-1) vs. Jason Teregeyo (0-2) in a 145-lb bout;
- Independent fighter Clifford Ferejan vs. against Team Zeng Zung's Regino Mundo (2-0) in a lightweight K-1 kickboxing match;
- Independent fighter Roman Cabrera (0-1) vs. Marianas Elite's Josh Cruz (1-3) in a 155lb bout;
- Independent fighter Joy "2-Nejit" Fred vs. Trench Tech/ Mongmong Toto Maite's Rob Alvarez (1-0) in a 155-lb bout; and
- Independent fighter Kev Esteves (1-3) vs. Fight Factory of Guam's Allan Guzman.

Featherweights Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez (5-0) of Trench Tech and Derrick "Pinchy" Rangamar (5-8) of Marianas Elite and welterweight Vince Pua (2-0) are also scheduled to fight, however, their opponents are still being determined.

Middleweight Simon "Bad Boy" Sebuu and welterweight Vince Pua are also on standby. Organizers also said all fights are subject to change.

Tickets cost \$25 for general admission and just \$30 for VIP seating. Tickets will be on sale soon at Boarderline, 670 Rocksteady Shop, Hannam Super Market in Koblerville, Trapp Urban Boutique, and Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio.

In addition, \$1 from each ticket sold will be donated to NMI Crimestoppers and will be used as part of the reward for the safe return of the missing Luhk sisters, 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina.

Pepsi, Miller-Lite, Monster Energy, Konflikt MMA, Budget Rent-A-Car, Century Hotel, Hagu Next, and Docomo Pacific are sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Department of Public Health.

For more information, contact Trench Tech Purebred MMA at 483-44662.

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edge after the first two innings.

Both teams went 1-2-3 to start the game and the Fielders mustered a run to start the second from an RBI single by Ben Flores that scored Anthony Tenorio.

However, Brewers answered with two runs in the bottom frame as Byron Kaipat made it on and around off errors and Asap Wabol drove in Manny Sablan with a base rip.

Fielders' John Reyes then led off the third with a hit and was singled home by Shane Mendiola to knot up the game at 2-all. Later in the fifth Brewers' Vince Cepeda reached and scored off errors to put the Brew Crew up, 3-2.

Fielders could not find an answer and the Brewers added another run in the seventh inning when a base on balls and two bad throws brought Brewers' Ton Rogolifoi to the dish.

Fielders' struggles at the plate continued through the eighth. Since the end of the third inning, they managed to strand a couple runners at first base.

Brewers went 1-2-3 in the bottom frame, but stuffed the Fielders with runners on the corners in their final stand.

Wining pitcher Mike Taitano went the distance and allowed two unearned runs off eight hits and zero walks with five strikeouts.

The Brewers hammered just six base hits in the duel and manufactured only one earned run.

The Brewers defense contained the Fielders, who have made a reputation of exploiting mistakes. Although it was a muddy game at Tan Ko, the Brewers played it clean in the field and did not allow many freebies.

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Cultura Athletics dominates field events

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

ultura Athletics showed its might in the field events in the 2011 Marianas National Championships held last weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Of their 10 victories in 30 contests, Cultura Athletics bets recorded nine of them in field events.

Trevor Ogumoro and Lia

Rangamar led Cultura Athletics' dominance of the field events, topping two and three events, respectively. Ogumoro ruled the boys long jump, logging 5.68m

including teammates Clayton Kenty (5.47m) and Brandon

Phillip (5.17m). He also prevailed in the triple jump, tallying 11.51m and winning over teammate Leroy Rangamar (11.18m) and Guam Central Athletic Club (10.44m).

Lia Rangamar's first victory came from the discus where she

and beating 10 other participants, submitted a time of 26.92m to down Guahan Athletics' Genie Gerardo (26.65m) and Marianas

High School's Rita del Avellano (19.09m). Then in the javelin throw, Rangamar had a 34.42m heave to top teammates Jeralyn Castillo (23.12m)

and Joshalyn Flores (16.31m), and Marianas High School's Melody Johnson (18.25m).

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4 athletes named May's best

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Bowlers'RaymondZapanta and Ron Cal led the list of NMASA's

top performers for May after standing out in their respective competitions last month.

Zapanta and Cal were named NMASA Male and Female Athletes of the Month after top-

ping the 29th CNMI May Masters Tournament last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center. The two bowlers were selected for the coveted awards during the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association meeting Thursday night at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Zapanta clinched his first May Masters crown after besting 26 bowlers in the annual tournament. He knocked down 2,406 pinfalls in 12 games, posting 269 pinfalls in the last game to surpass erstwhile leader Richard Leong. Zapanta had the tournament-best average of 200.50 pinfalls per game.

Cal took the May Masters title after missing it for two straight years, following her 2,205-pinfall performance in 12 games. The 2008 May Masters champion prevailed against 16 other female keglers, including runner-up Gina

Sablan (1,998) and Gloria Omechelang (1,985).

Joining the two bowlers in the May best's list were Rafael Jones and Tammy Ackerman.

Jones of Saipan International School was selected NMASA Male Student Athlete of the Month for ruling the singles and doubles competitions in the 2011 DFS Junior Championships.

Jones took the boys U18 singles crown after beating Daniel Park in the finals, 6-2, 6-1. In the doubles event, Ra-See 4 ATHLETES on Page 27



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Cultura Athletics' Ron Olopai gets ready for the hammer throw event during last weekend's 2011 Marianas National Championships at the

Brewers sweep Fielders, 4-2

» Face Angels for SML title

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The Tan Holdings Brewers defeated S h e 1 1 Fielders,

4-2, to sweep the defending champions in their best-ofthree Saipan Major League semifinals series Thursday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Game 1 of the 2011 SML finals starts Monday night at 6:30pm with the Brewers squaring off against the top-



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Tan Holdings Brewers catcher Manny Sablan taps a force out at the plate and gets ready to fire to first base for a double-play in Game 2 of their SML best-of-three semifinals against Shell Fielders Thursday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

ranked St. Michael's Angels.

knocked out the favored An-

gels in the semifinals and will Last year, the Brewers now again play the underdog in this year's best-of-five

championship series.

Brewers managed an early 2-1 See BREWERS on Page 27

'Palaxi' takes on statesider in main event of Ground Zero

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

TRENCH TECH

Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan will take on Mark Streigl in the main event of Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero set for June 17 at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

Sablan, fighting out of Trench Tech, will be looking for his 18th win in 24 matches against the Tiger Muav fighter from the mainland, who boasts an immaculate 3-0 record.

The lightweight bout will be preceded by the welterweight super fight between Trench Tech's Fasi "Ouickdraw" Jesse (7-3) and Underworld Ex-



treme's Tyrone Jones, who is making his professional debut.

The other nine matches featured in the fight card are:

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